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Letter from the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, Central Provinces, No. 1711-A, dated the 25th April 1893, submitting the Report on the administration of Criminal Justice in the Central Provinces during the year 1892.

RESOLUTION.

The number of true cases reported in 1892 was 26,967, or 640 more than in the year preceding. This total increase results chiefly from a rise of 454 in the number of offences against property (9,791 as compared with 9,337), and of 90 in the number of offences under special and local laws (7,161 as compared with 7,071).

The districts in which offences against property were noticeably more numerous in 1892 than in 1891 are the following :—

Sambalpur	...	...	+ 152
Chhindwara	...	...	+ 130
Bilaspur	...	...	+ 129
Betul	...	...	+ 98
Hoshangabad	...	...	+ 96
Nagpur	...	...	+ 97
Bhandara	...	...	+ 90
Wardha	...	...	+ 64

In the Resolution on the Police Report it has been observed that in the districts of the Chhattisgarh Division an epidemic of cholera increased the facilities for crime, and that in the districts of Nagpur, Chhindwara and Betul the higher price of food-grains led to the commission of a large number of petty thefts. The total of offences under special and local laws has been swelled by numerous prosecutions for municipal nuisances instituted by the Nagpur Municipal Committee. In every Municipality, seasons of activity on the part of the municipal officers, because the regulations are not obeyed, alternate with seasons of inactivity, because they are; and the periodic recurrence of each of these phases of municipal life may be expected with some degree of certainty.

The part played by prosecutions under special and local laws (chiefly the Municipal and Police Acts) in swelling the annual total of "true" offences is illustrated by the following figures, from which it will be seen that the steady rise in the number of "true" cases since 1888 (paragraph 2 of the report) is mainly owing to the persistent advance of the number of "special and local law" offences from 5,046 in 1887 to 7,161 in the year under review :—

"True" cases.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Offences affecting the human body ...	6,524	7,189	7,256	7,932	7,732	7,666
Offences against property ...	10,997	8,925	9,430	9,076	9,337	9,791
Offences under special and local laws ...	5,046	5,430	5,790	6,317	7,071	7,161

2. In last year's Resolution a reference was made to the disproportionate amount of crime in the Narsinghpur District. In a special report submitted by him on the subject, the Commissioner of the Nerbudda Division explained that this was partly due to the turbulent proclivities of the Lodhi villagers, and partly to defective Police administration in bygone years. It is satisfactory to find that offences against the person and against property in the Narsinghpur District in 1892 exhibit a marked decrease upon the totals of 1891, although the number of offences against property per thousand of the population is reported to be still higher than in any other district in the Division. The example is instructive as showing what can be done in a single year by a Deputy Commissioner who studies the conditions of his district, and meets the fluctuations of crime by a closer direction of his Police and by such a re-adjustment of the standard of punishment as the circumstances seem to require.

3. All classes of heinous crime except robbery and criminal trespass show a slight increase; but the difference in no class is so great as to call for notice. As is pointed out by the Judicial Commissioner in paragraph 4 of the report, the total number of murders, attempts at murder and cases of culpable homicide averages 150 a year, and during the last eight years has never varied more than 20 per cent. from the average. Similarly, the total number of cases of aggravated hurt approximates to an average of 270, and has not within the last eight years deviated more than 15 per cent. from this average.

4. The percentage of "true" to "reported" cases, which rose from 89·4 in 1890 to 90·9 in 1891, fell again to 89·5 in the year under review. This result was in part due to a decline in the percentage of convictions in hurt and assault cases, as shown in paragraph 5 of the report. At the same time the number of cases rejected under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, has risen from 2,300 to 2,839; and the Judicial Commissioner points out that there has been a considerable increase in the number of acquittals on compromise and in default of the complainant's appearance. So that the fall in the percentage of convictions in cases of hurt and simple assault is not as unsatisfactory as it appears at first sight. The remarks made in paragraph 4 of last year's Resolution appear to have borne some fruit: but the object with which they were recorded is stultified when—as in the Nagpur District—some Benches of Honorary Magistrates hold a preliminary *ex parte* enquiry in complaint cases before issuing process. District Officers must see that this practice is kept within the narrowest possible limits. The experience of the year has shown how true is the remark of the Judicial Commissioner that, although a Magistrate in examining a petitioner hears but one side of the quarrel, a little intelligent sifting will often enable him to form a very fair idea whether process should issue or not. The provisions of Section 560, Criminal Procedure Code, might be more freely used.

5. The relative strength of the Magistracy in the years 1891 and 1892 is compared below:—

	1891.	1892.	Difference.
Stipendiary Magistrates ...	129	128	—1
Honorary " ...	196	204	+8
Total ...	325	332	+7

There were several changes in the constitution of the Benches in the Nagpur and Wardha Districts during the year.

6. The total number of persons disposed of by the Magistrates was 43,000, against 41,540 in 1891. Stipendiary Magistrates disposed of 69·1 per cent. of these, and Honorary Magistrates of 30·9 (as against 29·9 in the previous year). The Judicial Commissioner records the opinion that the quality of the work of Honorary Magistrates is, on the whole, satisfactory. The thanks of the Administration are due to the gentlemen whose diligent discharge of their magisterial duties is referred to in paragraph 10 of the report.

7. District Magistrates dealt with 4 per cent. of the total number of persons disposed of, as compared with 4·8 per cent. in 1891, and 5 per cent. in 1890. The number of warrant cases tried by Deputy Commissioners at the same time increased from 790 to 863. The Deputy Commissioner of Damoh continues to show the largest number of warrant cases on his file; but it has been found possible, since the close of the year, to post a second Extra-Assistant Commissioner to that district. The Judicial Commissioner again refers with regret to the want of European 1st Class Magistrates. The deficiency is likely to continue for some time, owing to the rapid absorption of fully passed Assistants into district charges. Summary powers were exercised with great moderation by most of the District Magistrates. The Judicial Commissioner found it necessary to issue a Circular (Procedure Circular No. 74) at the close of the year, calling the attention of District Magistrates to the desirability of their trying all cases which their special powers under Section 30 enable them to deal with adequately, instead of allowing them to be committed to the Sessions. The state of the files of the Additional Sessions Judges was one of the reasons which rendered the issue of these orders imperative. District Officers moreover must find it of advantage to them in many ways to continue the exercise of their powers under Section 30. It gives them that insight into the working of their Police which judicial investigations specially afford, and it materially enhances their authority in dealing with the criminal classes. Under present conditions, however, some District Magistrates have not been invested with powers under Section 30, as they do not possess the necessary judicial experience; and it is doubtful whether on general grounds it is desirable that all Deputy Commissioners should be weighted with the duty of relieving the Sessions Court of a portion of its work. The obvious remedy is to increase the number of Additional Sessions Judges; and a proposal to this effect has been submitted to the Government of India. Should this be sanctioned, a sensible reduction will be made in the judicial work of both Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners: and the Officiating Chief Commissioner expects that Deputy Commissioners will then give a much more careful supervision to the magisterial work of their subordinates. He impresses upon them the remarks of the Judicial Commissioner, in paragraph 17 of his Report on Civil Justice for 1892, as to the need and value of the local control of the District Officer. The remark is even more applicable to the Criminal Courts. A very large portion of the magisterial business of the country is done by Native Magistrates, Stipendiary and Honorary, and it is not probable that as time goes on their share of it will diminish. It is not to be expected that these comparatively untrained and uneducated officers should reach, without assistance, the high standard which is required of European Magistrates. It is therefore essential, if magisterial work is to be efficiently performed, that the District Officer shall give the work of these and other Native Magistrates his sustained attention, and help them, as the Judicial Commissioner desires, by timely instruction and advice.

8. Of 44,726 persons brought before the Magistrates for enquiry or trial, 24,274 were convicted or committed, while 18,608 were acquitted or discharged. The percentage of convictions was 54·3, as compared with 56·2 in 1891 and 54·9 in 1890. Excluding hurt and assault cases, the percentage of convictions has fallen from 69·8 in 1891 to 68·3 in the year under review. The Judicial Commissioner shows, in paragraph 14 of the report, that—leaving the figure for 1891 out of account—the percentage of convictions in all classes of cases has fallen steadily from 60·3 in 1887 to 54·3 in 1892. Whether this is owing to a rise in the standard of proof or to a falling off in the completeness with which cases are placed before the Courts, is not discussed. So far as Police cases are concerned, the Chief Commissioner has recognised the necessity for a more adequate presentation of the case for the prosecution; and has appointed special Police Officers, of the rank of Sub-Inspector, to act as "Court Inspectors" and to prosecute all Police cases tried by Magistrates at the head-quarters of every district. The next step will be to provide special training in law and procedure for these selected officers, so that they may be able to meet the tactics of the defence with well-informed discretion. The impression produced on the minds of Native Magistrates by the increasingly rigorous cross-examination of witnesses is, at present, too frequently left unassailed by any effective re-examination; and it seems probable that this fact has something to do with the decrease in the percentage of convictions.

9. The number of cases disposed of by the Courts of Session rose from 128 in 1891 to 157 in the year under review. The number of persons disposed of by these Courts was the same (239) in both years. The percentage of convictions to the number of persons disposed of fell from 77 to 65. The percentages of convictions in Sessions Courts for five years past are given below:—

1888	...	...	70
1889	...	...	73
1890	...	...	86
1891	...	...	77
1892	...	...	65

Thus the percentage of convictions by Sessions Courts was lower in 1892 than in any of the four preceding years. It is possible that this fact may be connected with the increase in durations in Sessions cases, which will be referred to later on; and, if so, it furnishes an additional illustration of the necessity which exists for strengthening the staff of Judges. Sanction was obtained to the appointment, from the 1st January 1892, of two Additional Sessions Judges to relieve Commissioners of part of their Criminal work. The distribution of work between the four Courts is described in paragraph 15 of the report.

10. The total number of persons punished in Magisterial Courts was 23,534, or eight more than in the preceding year. The percentage of persons sentenced to fine only fell from 59·5 to 58·3. At the same time, the percentage of sentences of whipping increased from 6·8 to 10. The total number of persons sentenced by Magistrates to whipping was 2,374, as compared with 1,614 in 1891. Sentences of imprisonment passed by Magistrates numbered 6,052, as against 6,514 in the preceding year.

With regard to the degrees of punishment, Table M (which deals with punishments inflicted in Sessions and Magisterial Courts) shows that while the proportion of short sentences of imprisonment (15 days and under) has remained

approximately constant, that of light sentences of whipping (10 stripes and under) has increased from 7·3 to 8·7; while that of light fines has decreased from 85·4 to 83·2. The increase in prices led in some places to an increase in the number of petty thefts committed by juveniles or by indigent persons, for whom a few stripes were deemed a more appropriate punishment than fines or short terms of imprisonment. The number of boys whose sentences were commuted into confinement in a Reformatory School was 15, as compared with 23 in the preceding year. The Re-conviction Statement (Table N) shows that previous convictions were established against 372 persons, of whom 329 were punished with imprisonment for terms exceeding 6 months.

11. The total amount of the fines imposed was Rs. 1,30,385, of which Rs. 1,20,595 was realised during the year. The balance for realisation at the close of the year was Rs. 18,074, as against Rs. 20,026 at the close of the previous year. As the Judicial Commissioner remarks, the figures point to the exercise of a sound discretion in the infliction of fines.

12. It is convenient at times to take a wider survey of the operations of a department than is afforded by the statistics of a single year; and the table below shows the proportion in which punishments of the various orders were imposed in 1888 and in 1892 :-

	1888.	1892.
Death	·3 per cent.	·13 per cent.
Transportation	·25 „	·23 „
Imprisonment over 7 years	·05 „	·06 „
Do. from 2 to 7 years ...	·9 „	·9 „
Do. from 6 months to 2 years ..	5·0 „	5·7 „
Do. from 2 months to 6 months ...	15·0 „	14·6 „
Do. from 15 days to 2 months ...	11·0 „	8·0 „
Do. under 15 days ...	2·5 „	1·1 „
Fine	58·0 „	58·0 „
Whipping	5·9 „	10·1 „

It will be seen that the proportion is singularly constant, but that in 1892 whipping took the place, to a considerable extent, of the short terms of imprisonment that were imposed in 1888. This was, no doubt, a consequence of the remarks made upon the subject last year. But the Officiating Chief Commissioner apprehends that a more deterrent scale of punishment is required throughout the Province. The Judicial Commissioner speaks of the weakness of the Courts in dealing with habitual criminals (paragraph 20); he mentions the discreditable practice in one Division of passing sentences which shall just avoid the necessity of explanation for their leniency; and it has only been at the instance of the Judicial Commissioner himself that suitable punishment has been introduced for petty theft. The Officiating Chief Commissioner observes these remarks with concern. They emphasize his desire that the work of the Subordinate Magistracy shall receive the close and sustained supervision of the District Officer. The Deputy Commissioner alone can put quick and effective check on the laxity of practice and lightness of punishment which afford encouragement to criminals; and he is the immediate and responsible judge of the standard of punishment which is necessary to contract and lessen crime.

13. The number of witnesses examined in Magistrates' Courts was 114,592, as compared with 110,860 in the previous year. There was thus an increase of 3 per cent., and this, coupled with the pressure of Civil Judicial case-work,

caused increased delay in the disposal of criminal cases and a further deterioration in the record of the detention of witnesses. The percentage of witnesses discharged on the first day in Magistrates' Courts was 83·1, as compared with 84·1 in the preceding year. The Officiating Chief Commissioner is glad to learn that instructions are about to issue which will ensure greater accuracy in the preparation of the detention returns. It is the duty of the District Magistrate to do his best to ensure that the returns correctly represent the facts, and that the desire to exhibit good results is not allowed to affect either the soundness of enquiries or the honesty of the entries in the witness-statements.

The amount paid by Government as expenses of witnesses in 1892 was Rs. 8,453, as against Rs. 5,459 in the previous year. The average payment per head was 1 anna 2 pies, as against 9 pies only in 1891. This increase is the outcome of the more liberal rules regarding the payment of the expenses of witnesses, which were sanctioned by the Government of India on the 25th May 1892 and brought into force in June of the same year. It may be noted here that in July 1892 the Government of India also sanctioned a rule whereby *way expenses* may be paid to indigent prisoners released under the order of a Criminal Court, either on discharge or acquittal or after the infliction of the punishment of whipping only.

14. The average duration in Police cases was 5·8 as against 5·4 in 1891, and in complaint cases 24·2 as against 28·4. Increased pressure of work is assigned as the cause of the delay in Police cases. The average duration of cases tried by Courts of Session was 68, as compared with 46·7 in 1891 and 48·1 in 1890. In all the eight Judges' Courts durations were higher than the Provincial average of the preceding two years. The cause in the case of the Additional Sessions Judges appears to have been the unduly crowded state of the files already referred to—a fact which is much to be regretted, as evidence for the prosecution in criminal cases is almost invariably prejudiced by delay.

15. The number of appeals disposed of by all classes of Courts rose from 2,694 to 2,897. Appeals to District Magistrates and to Courts of Session increased, while appeals to the Judicial Commissioner declined slightly. The number of appeals disposed of by the two Additional Sessions Judges (to whom all the appellate work formerly performed by Commissioners has been transferred) was 1,248. This excess of appellate work (over and above cases referred for confirmation of sentence) affected the capacity of these officers to dispose promptly of the cases committed to them for trial. The percentage of appeals rejected and sentences confirmed to appeals disposed of decreased in all classes of Courts The percentage of cases in which sentences were reversed on appeal was exceptionally high in the Court of the District Magistrate of Saugor.

16. The table given in paragraph 31 of the report shows that in Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad, Sambalpur and Mandla, the District Magistrates exercised a fair amount of supervision over the proceedings of Subordinate Courts, for which the Officiating Chief Commissioner thanks them. He takes this opportunity once more to impress upon all Deputy Commissioners the great responsibilities and the great opportunities that are given them for the repression of crime. His powers for this purpose the Deputy Commissioner must mainly exercise through his subordinates; but by intelligent, firm and kindly guidance he will succeed, if he only takes the trouble.

17. The Officiating Chief Commissioner desires to acknowledge the services rendered to the Administration by Mr. Stevens in his vigilant control of the working of the Criminal Courts and in his very thoughtful and practical analysis of the year's results as presented in the report now reviewed.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution (with the usual number of spare copies) be submitted to the Government of India in the Home Department, and that a copy be forwarded to the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, for the information of the Judicial Commissioner; also, that it be published in the Supplement to the *Central Provinces Gazette*, and that copies, bound with the report, be distributed as usual.

[True Extract.]

L. K. LAURIE,

Offg. Secretary.

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FROM

ARTHUR MAYNE, ESQ., I. C. S.,

Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court,

Central Provinces,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

Central Provinces.

Dated Nagpur, the 25th April 1893.

SIR,

I am directed to submit the Report on the administration of Criminal Justice in the Central Provinces for the year 1892, with the District and Divisional Reports.

A.—Statement of Crime.

2. The following figures show the total number of cases reported and the total number returned as true for each of the last six years :—

	Reported cases.	Cases rejected under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.	Cases declared false.	True cases.	Percentage of true to reported cases.
1887 ...	28,056	3,168	465	24,423	87·1
1888 ...	27,482	3,456	412	23,614	85·9
1889 ...	27,585	2,700	349	24,446	88·5
1890 ...	28,484	2,588	424	25,472	89·4
1891 ...	28,941	2,300	314	26,327	90·9
1892 ...	30,145	2,839	339	26,967	89·5

No comparison of any value can be made with the figures for years before 1887, since in the previous years the classification of reported cases and cases declared false was made on a different principle to the present one of classing as reported cases only cases brought before a Magistrate ; and, as cases declared false, only cases declared by a Magistrate after trial to be false. The figures for the above six years show that the number of true cases has increased slowly but steadily from 23,614 in 1888 to 26,967 in 1892. During the same period the number of registered cases has risen from 27,482 to 30,145 ; whilst the number of cases rejected under Section 203, Code of Criminal Procedure, fell from 3,456 in 1888 to 2,300 in 1891 ; and it is only in 1892 that the repeated instructions to Magistrates to refrain from the indiscriminate issue of process in complaint cases has brought up the number of cases thus rejected to 2,839.

The number of cases declared false has decreased from 465 in 1887 to 339 in 1892. Defective classification in the past is probably responsible for part of this decrease, as was admitted in respect of a decrease of 115 cases in the Nagpur District in the report for 1891.

With reference to the rejection of complaints under Section 203, Code of Criminal Procedure, the Deputy Commissioner, Seoni, writes :—

> "Complaints are so drawn up by the professional hand of petition-writers as to leave no room to doubt the occurrence of the offence alleged, and complainants swear to the written allegations with fervour and seldom break down on examination. The Magistrates under such circumstances can hardly refuse issue of process against the accused."

The Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, writes :—

> "I find that Honorary Magistrates generally * * * make preliminary enquiries in petty cases before issuing process. This procedure should, I think, be sparingly used, as it entails hardship on honest complainants and their witnesses, who have to attend Court twice."

It appears to the Officiating Judicial Commissioner that, while the practice of holding a preliminary *ex parte* enquiry in complaint cases is productive of more trouble, expense and delay than the gain secured by it is worth, a careful and intelligent examination of the complainant should be more efficacious in making plain the groundlessness or triviality of complaints than some officers seem to think.

Though it is true, as the Additional Sessions Judge of the Nagpur and Chhattisgarh Divisions observes, that until the parties are confronted "a Magistrate can after all only elicit one side of the quarrel," experience shows that there are many complaints in which that one side will not bear careful scrutiny.

Doubtless where the examination of the complainant consists, as it too often does, in allowing him merely to repeat as nearly as possible the account of the affair which is contained in the written complaint, no advantage can be expected from it, but a little intelligent sifting will often enable the Magistrate to form a very fair idea whether process should issue or not.

3. The following is a comparative Statement showing the true cases reported under each class of offences, during the past two years in each district of the Province:—

TABLE A.

True offences reported under each class in 1891 and 1892, for each District in the Central Provinces.

Districts.	Year.	Offences under the Penal Code.																	Offences under special and local laws.	Total number of offences.
		Offences against the State, Chapter VI.	Offences against the Army and Navy, Chapter VII.	Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.	Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapter IX.	Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter X.	False evidence and offences against public officers, Chapter XI.	Offences relating to Coin and Government Stamps, Chapter XII.	Offences relating to weights and measures, Chapter XIII.	Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV.	Offences relating to religion, Chapter XV.	Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.	Offences against property, Chapter XVII.	Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks, Chapter XVIII.	Criminal breach of contracts of service, Chapter XIX.	Offences relating to marriage, Chapter XX.	Defamation, Chapter XXI.	Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance, Chapter XXII.	Security for peace and good behaviour, and breach of other laws.	
Nagpur ...	1892	...	...	18	...	26	41	2	5	8	7	1,302	870	8	1	39	52	140	1,135	3,654
	1891	...	...	17	5	22	45	4	7	17	2	1,301	773	6	...	43	52	97	631	3,022
Chanda ...	1892	...	...	2	8	9	19	...	6	10	...	340	338	3	...	12	16	19	303	1,085
	1891	...	...	2	6	5	16	4	...	4	...	459	315	1	...	5	10	36	248	1,111
Bhandara ...	1892	...	...	7	3	24	27	9	4	21	1	360	534	2	...	9	5	17	151	1,177
	1891	...	...	8	1	17	14	3	2	12	2	328	444	...	...	4	3	9	238	1,115
Wardha ..	1892	...	...	8	5	38	10	...	9	12	2	511	444	2	...	7	3	16	565	1,665
	1891	...	...	17	5	27	7	2	13	8	4	558	380	...	...	13	7	29	589	1,659
Balaghat ...	1892	...	...	1	2	7	9	1	...	4	...	213	166	...	...	25	20	7	144	599
	1891	...	...	3	...	6	10	2	1	3	1	160	236	...	...	11	9	13	153	608
Jubbulpore ...	1892	...	...	11	4	19	20	12	26	10	1	676	781	...	...	30	48	26	1,003	2,667
	1891	...	...	26	5	31	19	8	32	15	...	765	1,095	...	1	44	59	23	1,171	3,294
Saugor ...	1892	...	...	9	...	28	23	10	...	9	2	434	836	1	...	24	25	4	668	2,073
	1891	...	...	3	1	46	22	3	...	18	1	424	832	1	...	12	18	5	634	2,020
Damoh ...	1892	...	...	2	...	7	15	3	...	4	...	361	306	3	...	16	35	5	238	1,045
	1891	...	1	...	2	12	12	1	...	3	1	283	364	1	...	13	29	6	324	1,052
Seoni ...	1892	...	...	4	4	9	16	5	1	13	...	418	494	1	1	12	3	5	189	1,205
	1891	...	...	3	2	10	15	3	1	24	...	441	435	1	...	15	15	1	129	1,095
Mandla ...	1892	...	...	7	1	12	9	3	6	12	...	75	273	...	...	1	5	7	123	534
	1891	...	...	2	5	11	4	1	...	3	...	71	210	...	...	11	7	1	131	487
Hoshangabad ...	1892	...	...	11	6	23	36	13	7	10	1	399	588	4	1	17	11	2	328	1,457
	1891	...	...	2	4	11	21	3	6	26	1	433	492	4	...	11	11	3	310	1,338
Betul ...	1892	...	...	4	3	50	16	...	9	4	1	172	351	1	...	7	6	9	450	1,083
	1891	...	...	1	1	24	7	3	1	4	2	219	253	1	1	8	14	2	503	1,044
Narsinghpur ...	1892	...	...	6	3	32	33	4	...	55	...	382	638	5	...	27	10	12	443	1,650
	1891	...	...	8	3	31	49	4	2	8	...	458	701	1	...	39	26	16	600	1,946
Chhindwara ...	1892	...	...	2	...	5	15	2	...	6	...	271	401	1	...	8	5	5	201	922
	1891	...	...	3	3	5	15	2	...	4	2	286	271	...	...	8	11	...	248	858
Nimar ...	1892	...	...	3	...	29	8	2	1	5	1	386	174	1	...	12	12	42	444	1,120
	1891	...	...	4	...	28	8	2	1	4	...	369	209	...	...	13	9	53	512	1,242
Raipur ...	1892	...	...	3	3	19	26	8	...	11	...	560	1,113	1	1	37	17	14	184	1,997
	1891	...	...	4	4	18	17	...	1	8	...	561	1,094	...	...	39	10	39	233	2,028
Sambalpur ...	1892	...	...	8	3	8	23	2	1	17	...	429	871	...	...	9	19	28	373	1,791
	1891	...	...	9	1	15	34	1	...	18	1	346	719	1	...	6	9	26	240	1,426
Bilaspur ...	1892	...	...	19	7	21	23	5	2	9	1	314	613	...	...	19	11	30	169	1,243
	1891	...	...	8	3	14	13	4	...	11	1	270	484	...	...	21	16	20	117	982
Total ...	1892	...	...	125	52	366	369	81	77	223	17	7,666	9,791	33	4	311	303	388	7,161	26,967
	1891	...	1	120	51	333	328	50	67	190	18	7,732	9,337	17	2	316	315	379	7,071	26,327

And the following Table gives similar details of the total number of cases brought to trial in each district during the years 1891 and 1892:—

TABLE A—2.

Number of cases brought to trial in each District of the Central Provinces during the years 1891 and 1892.

Districts.	Years.	Offences under the Penal Code.																	Offences under special and local laws.	Total number of offences.	Difference.
		Offences against the State, Chapter VI.	Offences against the Army and Navy, Chapter VII.	Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.	Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapter IX.	Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter X.	False evidence and offences against public officers, Chapter XI.	Offences relating to coin and Government Stamps, Chapter XII.	Offences relating to weights and measures, Chapter XIII.	Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV.	Offences relating to religion, Chapter XV.	Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.	Offences against property, Chapter XVII.	Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks, Chapter XVIII.	Criminal breach of contracts of service, Chapter XIX.	Offences relating to marriage, Chapter XX.	Defamation, Chapter XXI.	Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance, Chapter XXII.	Security for peace and good behaviour, and breach of other laws.		
Nagpur ...	1892	...	...	18	...	26	41	2	5	8	7	1,320	889	8	1	39	52	140	1,136	3,692	+640
	1891	...	...	17	5	22	45	6	7	17	2	1,316	784	6	..	45	52	97	631	3,052	
Chanda ...	1892	...	...	2	8	8	19	...	6	10	...	316	336	2	...	8	18	19	302	1,054	—92
	1891	...	...	2	6	6	16	5	...	4	...	480	323	1	...	6	11	37	219	1,146	
Bhandara ...	1892	...	...	8	3	24	27	9	4	24	1	380	536	2	...	9	5	18	151	1,201	+76
	1891	...	..	8	1	17	14	3	2	12	2	332	450	...	...	4	3	9	268	1,125	
Wardha ...	1892	...	...	8	5	38	10	...	9	12	2	566	446	2	...	7	4	16	568	1,693	+17
	1891	...	...	18	5	27	7	2	13	8	4	574	380	...	...	13	7	29	589	1,676	
Balaghat ...	1892	...	...	2	2	7	9	1	...	4	...	214	169	...	...	25	20	7	144	604	—8
	1891	...	...	3	...	6	10	2	1	3	1	163	237	...	...	11	9	13	153	612	
Jubbulpore ...	1892	...	...	11	4	19	20	12	26	10	1	682	783	...	...	30	48	26	1,003	2,675	—636
	1891	...	...	26	5	32	19	8	32	15	...	773	1,100	...	1	44	60	24	1,172	3,311	
Saugor ...	1892	...	...	9	...	28	23	10	...	9	2	438	841	1	...	24	25	4	668	2,082	+32
	1891	...	...	3	1	46	22	3	...	18	1	440	816	1	...	12	18	5	634	2,050	
Damoh ...	1892	...	...	2	1	7	20	3	...	4	...	395	311	3	...	17	39	7	291	1,100	+34
	1891	...	1	...	2	12	12	1	...	3	1	294	367	1	...	13	30	6	323	1,066	
Seoni ...	1892	...	...	4	4	9	16	5	1	13	...	448	494	1	1	12	3	5	189	1,205	+110
	1891	...	...	3	2	10	15	3	1	24	...	441	435	1	...	15	15	1	129	1,095	
Mandla ...	1892	...	...	8	3	12	9	3	6	12	...	75	276	...	...	1	5	6	126	542	+50
	1891	...	...	2	4	11	4	1	...	4	...	70	245	...	...	11	7	1	132	492	
Hoshangabad ...	1892	...	...	11	7	23	36	14	7	11	1	409	607	4	1	18	13	3	332	1,497	+151
	1891	...	...	2	4	11	21	3	6	26	1	438	494	4	...	11	11	3	311	1,346	
Betul ...	1892	...	...	4	3	50	16	...	9	4	1	172	351	1	...	7	6	9	450	1,083	+26
	1891	...	...	1	1	24	7	3	1	4	2	229	256	1	1	8	14	2	503	1,057	
Narsinghpur ...	1892	...	...	6	3	32	33	4	...	55	...	403	644	5	...	27	10	12	445	1,679	—292
	1891	...	...	9	3	31	49	4	2	8	...	473	704	1	...	39	28	17	603	1,971	
Chhindwara ...	1892	...	...	2	...	5	15	2	...	6	...	271	401	1	...	8	5	5	201	922	+64
	1891	...	...	3	3	5	15	2	...	4	2	236	271	...	...	8	11	...	248	858	
Nimar ...	1892	...	...	3	...	29	8	2	1	5	1	285	174	1	...	12	9	37	434	1,001	—131
	1891	...	...	4	...	38	7	2	1	4	...	295	214	...	...	8	10	43	516	1,132	
Raipur ...	1892	...	...	3	3	24	26	8	...	11	...	613	1,134	1	1	39	17	15	184	2,079	+24
	1891	...	...	4	5	20	17	...	1	8	...	566	1,113	...	...	39	10	39	233	2,055	
Sambalpur ...	1892	...	...	8	3	8	23	2	1	17	...	436	882	...	...	9	19	28	373	1,809	+365
	1891	...	...	9	1	15	34	1	...	18	1	362	719	1	...	6	9	28	240	1,444	
Bilaspur ...	1892	...	...	20	8	22	23	5	2	9	1	337	625	...	...	22	11	33	170	1,288	+282
	1891	...	...	8	3	14	14	4	...	11	1	276	500	...	...	21	17	20	117	1,006	
Total ...	1892	...	...	129	57	371	374	82	77	224	17	7,760	9,899	32	4	314	309	390	7,167	27,206	+712
	1891	...	1	122	51	337	328	53	67	191	18	7,808	9,438	17	2	314	322	374	7,051	26,494	

The totals for the Provinces under the different offence headings of Table A call for no comment, there being a total increase in the true cases of under 2 per cent. and the variations being inconsiderable, but some of the district figures show greater variations. Thus the total number of true offences reported in Nagpur, Sambalpur and Bilaspur increased by 16, 24 and 24 per cent. respectively, whilst those of Jubbulpore and Narsinghpur decreased by 20 and 16 per cent. respectively. In Nagpur the increase was in three classes of cases: (1) offences against property, being the result of a considerable increase in the number of petty thefts, attributed by the Deputy Commissioner to the high prices prevailing during 1892; (2) criminal intimidation, no explanation being offered in the district report; and (3) cases under special and local laws, the increase being mainly caused by an increase of over 100 per cent. in prosecutions for breach of the Municipal Act. In Sambalpur the increase was in cases of simple hurt, offences against property and against special and local laws. The Deputy Commissioner states that he is unable to explain the large increase in cases of simple hurt, and that the increase under the other two heads was caused by the epidemic of cholera, during which, scarcity of food, coupled with the fact that the houses were left unprotected, invited pilfering, and at the same time the fear of cholera in the town of Sambalpur caused an increase in the number of prosecutions for nuisances. In Bilaspur, too, the increase has been mainly in cases of simple hurt and assault, prosecutions under the Municipal Act, and petty cases of theft and house-breaking. With respect to the latter class of offences, the Deputy Commissioner states that the past year has been a year of good crops and high prices; that the people, except the labouring classes, have been in easy financial circumstances; but that the epidemic of cholera, by causing many persons temporarily to abandon their houses, has afforded opportunities both to casual and habitual offenders which they have not been slow to avail themselves of. In Jubbulpore the decrease is general to almost all the heads of offences, but is especially marked in simple hurt and assault cases, due, the Deputy Commissioner thinks, to a more judicious exercise of the provisions of Section 203, Code of Criminal Procedure; in petty theft and criminal trespass cases, due probably to better harvests; and in prosecutions for nuisances under Section 34 of the Police Act. In Narsinghpur the decrease is owing to prosecutions under the Police and Municipal Acts falling off by nearly 50 per cent. The Deputy Commissioner considers that this state of things is the natural result of leaving it to the Municipality to initiate prosecutions. He does not, however, think that the Municipal Committees have been so remiss as to render it necessary for him to interfere in the matter.

4. The subjoined table shows and compares the heinous crime of the two years:—

Number of head of crime.	Crime.	Number of offences (cases) brought to trial.		Increase or Decrease.
		1891.	1892.	
19	Murder	117	128	+11
20	Attempt at murder	19	24	+5
21	Culpable homicide	17	19	+2
49—52	Dacoity	26	32	+6
30	Aggravated hurt	285	286	+1
46—48	Robbery	78	69	—9
40	Rape	41	45	+4
42	Thefts (with aggravating circumstances) ...	...	...	...
61	Criminal trespass (for commission of serious offences)	1,877	1,851	—26

All classes of heinous crime, except robbery and criminal trespass, show a slight increase. The causes determining the number of murders and cases of aggravated hurt are apparently for the most part of constant strength, since the yearly totals of each kind of offence remain fairly constant. The total number of murders, attempts at murder and cases of culpable homicide averages 150 a year, and during the last eight years has never varied more than 20 per cent. from the average. Similarly the total number of cases of aggravated hurt approximates to an average of 270, and has not within the last eight years deviated more than 15 per cent. from that average. The figures for dacoity, robbery and rape fluctuate between wider limits.

A general consideration of the figures of the heinous crime of 1892 leads to the conclusion that it is slightly above the average. The decrease of 1·5 per cent. in the cases of criminal trespass is a slight set-off to the general increase in all the above classes of heinous crime except robbery, and even were the decrease in the trespass cases more marked it would not be of much importance, as many of the cases are comparatively trivial.

The Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur Division, considers that the increase in that Division in the number of cases of aggravated hurt is a matter for congratulation. "The Police," he writes, "are in some districts gradually beginning to understand that they are expected to take action whenever they have reason to believe that grievous hurt has been inflicted, and that they are not to content themselves with referring the complainant to a Magistrate."

The Deputy Commissioner, Saugor, explains the increase in the number of dacoities in his district very satisfactorily as follows :—

"The increase shown against dacoity cases is due to successful efforts on the part of the Police in arresting dacoits who had committed dacoities during previous years, both in the district and beyond its limits."

5. The following table shows the action of the Courts in dealing with cases of hurt and simple assault for the last five years :—

	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Offences reported	8,452	8,318	8,749	8,426	8,535
Complaints rejected under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code ..	1,836	1,684	1,465	1,319	1,505
Other cases struck off as false ...	141	163	197	186	181
Balance returned as true	6,745	6,471	7,087	6,921	6,849
Number of persons under trial ...	12,585	13,476	13,833	13,959	14,313
Acquitted or discharged	7,413	8,448	8,714	8,832	9,473
Convicted	4,543	4,500	4,425	4,350	4,026
Died, escaped, or under trial at close of year.	629	528	694	777	814

The action of Magistrates in dealing with complaints generally has been commented on in paragraph 2 *supra*.

The following are the percentages of convictions in hurt and assault cases during the last five years:—

	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Hurt	42	37	35	35	33
Criminal force or assault ...	36	34	33	32	28

These figures show a steady decline; but in considering their practical significance it is to be borne in mind that, while the number of convictions has decreased, there has been a considerable increase in the number of acquittals on compromise and in default of the complainant's appearance. Many of the cases dismissed for default have doubtless been compromised out of court. The decline in the percentage of convictions is thus not as unsatisfactory as it appears at first sight.

6. The following table shows the action of the Magistrates in offences relating to marriage, in cases of defamation, and in cases of criminal intimidation, insult, or annoyance, in 1891 and 1892:—

	Marriage.		Defamation.		Intimidation.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Cases reported	476	445	478	481	470	512
Cases rejected under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code	157	128	159	172	87	117
Cases struck off as false	3	6	4	6	4	7
Balance returned as true	316	311	315	303	379	388
Persons under trial	379	408	557	571	638	772
Persons acquitted or discharged	269	299	426	416	456	534
Persons convicted	87	67	93	96	147	129
Died, escaped, or pending at close of year ...	23	42	38	59	35	109

The number of true offences under each of these headings has remained practically constant, although the number of reported cases has varied somewhat under the heads "Marriage" and "Intimidation." Under the former head there were 31 less reported cases, but 29 fewer cases were rejected under Sect on 203, Code of Criminal Procedure. Under the latter head there were 42 more reported cases, but 30 more cases were rejected under Section 203. It is noticeable that in both marriage and intimidation cases there was a decrease in the number and percentage of persons convicted. The proportions of convictions have fallen as low as 16 per cent. The number of complaints, true cases, acquittals and convictions for defamation show no appreciable fluctuation.

The chief reason for the very low percentage of successful "Marriage" cases seems to be that, with the classes who are principally concerned in them, it is often very difficult to prove the existence of a valid marriage. Cases of defamation and intimidation are often the result of more or less gross exaggeration of very trivial incidents, and it is not surprising that the great majority of them should break down on investigation.

7. The number of cases returned as true under the more important special and local Acts during the years 1891 and 1892 is given below:—

	Number of true cases.	
	1891.	1892.
Code of Criminal Procedure.		
Chapter VIII { Section 107, Security for keeping the peace ...	55	80
Chapter VIII { Sections 109, 110. Security for good behaviour ...	185	227
Breach of other Laws relating to—		
Arms, Ammunition and Military Stores, Act XI of 1878 ...	263	193
Cantonments Act, XIII of 1889	366	317
Cattle Trespass Act, I of 1871	297	336
Excise Act, XXII of 1881	611	578
Forest Act, VII of 1878	243	264
Gambling Act, III of 1867	62	54
Municipalities Act, XVIII of 1889	2,325	2,414
Opium Act, I of 1878	386	436
Police Act, V of 1861	1,656	1,931
Prisons Act, XXVI of 1870	89	87
Railways Act, IX of 1890	93	73
Stamp Act, I of 1879	62	107

Considerably more use has been made of the provisions of Sections 107, 109 and 110 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for calling upon persons to find security for keeping the peace or for being of good behaviour. At Nagpur, frequent breaches of the peace—the consequence of a schism among the Bhora community—necessitated recourse to Section 107, Code of Criminal Procedure. The Deputy Commissioner of the same district reports the increase in the number of cases under the "good behaviour" sections to be due to the capture of a large gang of Wagris who were going about committing crime.

The Additional Sessions Judge, Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions, comments on the proceedings under the bad livelihood sections of the Criminal Procedure Code as being still unsatisfactory, and sometimes resorted to in order to prop up a weak and inefficient police administration. The Commissioner, Nerbudda Division, on the other hand, is of opinion that undue and oppressive use is not made of the powers conferred by Section 110 of the Code.

From the cases which have come to the notice of the Officiating Judicial Commissioner, he has no reason to think that there is any general misuse of Sections 109 and 110 of the Code. Mr. Stevens remembers seeing only one case of the kind during the year, in which he considered that proceedings ought not to have been taken. It may be mentioned that in making his inspections the Officiating Judicial Commissioner devotes special attention to the manner in which Magistrates exercise their preventive jurisdiction.

The greater part of the decrease in cases under the Arms Act is due to Balaghat, where it was noticed in last year's report that the Act had been enforced with too much rigour. The Deputy Commissioner reports that most of the offences consist of the omission to renew licenses, and that the substitution to some extent of five-yearly for yearly licenses will tend to still further diminish the number of prosecutions.

Prosecutions under the Cantonments Act have again fallen, although the figures for the Nagpur District show an increase. No explanation of the variations is given in the district reports.

A large portion of the increase in the Stamp Law cases occurred in Balaghat, where numerous excise monopolists were prosecuted for having omitted to stamp receipts for sums exceeding Rs. 20.

The slighter variations in the above figures are spread over many districts and do not call for comment.

B.—Tribunals.

8. The following table shows the strength and distribution of the Magistracy at the close of the year :—

TABLE B.

Number and distribution of Magistrates.

Districts	Stipendiary Magistrates			Honorary Magistrates.		
	First Class (including Deputy Commissioners).	Second Class	Third Class	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class
Nagpur ...	6	4	2	3	14	6
Chanda ...	3	4	2	...	1	8
Bhandara ...	3	4	1	1	1	...
Wardha ...	2	5	...	...	4	16
Balaghat ...	2	1	1	...	...	1
Jubbulpore ...	5	4	1	...	5	5
Saugor ..	5	4	1	...	4	11
Damoh ..	2	2	...	...	3	10
Seoni ...	2	2	...	...	...	8
Mandla ...	2	2	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad ...	8	3	1	1	1	14
Betul ...	2	2	...	...	...	7
Narsinghpur ...	3	2	1	...	2	5
Chhindwara ...	2	2	...	...	...	8
Nimar .	3	3	...	...	3	12
Raipur ..	3	3	4	...	13	16
Sambalpur ..	4	1	1	...	3	8
Bilaspur ..	2	3	3	...	...	10
Total ..	59	51	18	5	54	145

The number of Stipendiary Magistrates was less by one than in 1891, the strength of the second class decreased by six, and that of the third increased by five.

There were eight Honorary Magistrates more than in 1891, all of the third class. One of the Nagpur Benches was strengthened by the addition of four more Honorary Magistrates; the name of the member of the Ramtek Bench who attended with the least regularity was removed from the list, and the Bench now works more regularly. In the Wardha District numerous changes in the constitution of the Benches occurred; the work of the Arvi Bench was not found very satisfactory, and cognizable cases were withdrawn from its jurisdiction; one of the Honorary Magistrates at Arvi was dismissed for misconduct; new Benches were established at Nachangaon and at Sindi. The Sindi Bench did not commence work until after the close of the year under report. The Nachangaon

Bench commenced to work in July and disposed of the cases of only 19 persons. One Honorary Magistrate of the Nachangaon Bench was convicted in Berar of the offence of receiving stolen property. The Wadhona Court was closed during the year owing to the resignation of the presiding officer. In Raipur, Raja Raghu Kishore Deo of Kalahandi was appointed an Honorary Magistrate with third class powers. The Court of the Bench of Honorary Magistrates, Bilaspur, remained closed during the greater part of the year. Its reconstitution has recently been sanctioned by the Chief Commissioner. The proposal to appoint a Bench of Honorary Magistrates at Deoli is under consideration.

TABLE B-2.

Number and distribution of Benches of Honorary Magistrates.

District.	Town.	Number of Magistrates.	Powers of Bench.*
Nagpur ...	Nagpur ...	12	2nd Class.
	Umrer ...	4	3rd "
	Ramtek ...	2	3rd "
Chanda ...	Chanda ...	4	3rd "
	Warora ...	4	3rd "
Wardha ...	Wardha ...	4	3rd "
	Arvi ...	3	3rd "
	Ashti ...	4	3rd "
	Hinganghat ...	4	3rd "
	Nachangaon ...	4	3rd "
Jubbulpore ...	Jubbulpore ...	4	2nd "
	Murwara ...	4	3rd "
Saugor ...	Saugor ...	9	2nd "
	Rehli ...	3	3rd "
	Deori ...	3	3rd "
Damoh ...	Damoh ...	9	2nd "
	Hatta ..	4	2nd "
Seoni ...	Seoni ...	8	3rd "
Hoshangabad ...	Hoshangabad ...	5	2nd "
	Seoni ...	5	3rd "
	Sohagpur ..	2	3rd "
	Harda ...	4	3rd "
Betul ...	Badnur ...	6	3rd "
Chhindwara ...	Chhindwara ..	4	3rd "
	Pandhurna ...	4	3rd "
Nimar ...	Burhanpur ...	4	2nd "
	Khandwa ..	5	3rd "
	Mandhata ...	5	3rd "
Raipur ...	Raipur ...	9	2nd "
	Dhamtari ...	2	3rd "
	Arang ...	4	3rd "
	Drug ...	6	3rd "
Sambalpur ...	Sambalpur ...	2	3rd "
	Bargarh ...	5	3rd "
Bilaspur ...	Bilaspur ...	4	3rd "
	Ratanpur ...	6	3rd "

* These are the highest powers exercisable; the powers of a Bench are not always the same.

The number of Magistrates, exclusive of District Magistrates, empowered to try summarily at the end of 1892 is given below :—

Cantonment Magistrates	...	3
Assistant Commissioners	...	6
Extra-Assistant Commissioners	...	23
Bench of Honorary Magistrates, Khandwa	...	1
Do. do. Burhanpur	...	1

This is an increase of six in the number of Subordinate Magistrates exercising summary powers; two Assistant Commissioners and three Extra-Assistant Commissioners more were empowered to try summarily, and the powers were also conferred on the Bench of Honorary Magistrates, Burhanpur, during the year.

C.—Distribution of work.

9. Table C shows in what proportion the work of the Criminal Courts was distributed amongst the various classes of Magistrates in each district :—

TABLE C.

Distribution of work.

District.	Persons disposed of by—						
	Deputy Commissioners.	Cantonment Magistrates, Assistant Commissioners and Extra-Assistant Commissioners at head-quarters.	Tahsildars at District head-quarters.	Honorary Magistrates at District head-quarters.	Stipendiary Magistrates in the interior of Districts.	Honorary Magistrates in the interior of Districts.	Total.
Nagpur ...	131	2,260	177	1,755	564	791	5,678
Chanda ...	86	350	...	150	728	159	1,473
Bhandara ...	48	770	113	51	765	214	1,961
Wardha ...	72	509	323	198	566	1,048	2,716
Balaghat ...	71	345	528	19	125	...	1,088
Jubbulpore ...	64	1,485	300	959	840	234	3,882
Saugor ...	117	1,029	373	358	862	361	3,100
Damoh ...	150	175	310	395	227	215	1,472
Seoni ...	121	239	314	943	591	...	2,208
Mandla ...	156	356	261	...	178	...	951
Hoshangabad ...	49	583	266	151	1,077	382	2,508
Betul ...	95	282	321	139	337	278	1,452
Narsinghpur ...	77	945	506	98	357	535	2,518
Chhindwara ...	162	352	226	307	314	137	1,498
Nimar ...	83	616	110	299	78	407	1,593
Raipur ...	21	1,416	147	618	717	961	3,880
Sambalpur ...	70	864	360	276	368	715	2,653
Bilaspur ...	165	619	458	37	1,000	90	2,369
Total 1892 ...	1,738	13,195	5,093	6,753	9,694	6,527	43,000
Total 1891 ...	1,989	13,040	4,668	5,747	9,445	6,651	41,540
Percentage 1892 ...	4·	30·7	11·9	15·7	22·5	15·2	100·
Percentage 1891 ...	4·8	31·4	11·2	13·9	22·7	16·0	100·

The percentage of Criminal work disposed of by District Magistrates is falling steadily. In 1882 it was 7·2. It has now fallen to 4. Honorary Magistrates have tried 1 per cent. more of the total number of persons, and "Other Stipendiary Magistrates" one half per cent. more than last year.

The Officiating Judicial Commissioner has still to remark with regret on the insufficient supply of European 1st Class Magistrates.

Many cases of Honorary Magistrates have been sent for and inspected by the Officiating Judicial Commissioner during the year, and he is of opinion that the quality of work that they show is on the whole satisfactory. Strict accuracy of procedure is not always observed, and the standard of punishments is not always in accordance with the views of the Officiating Judicial Commissioner; but endeavours are made by constantly repeated instructions to gradually mend what is found amiss.

A great deal rests with the District Magistrates, who might do, and—Mr. Stevens is glad to think—are doing, more than has been done in the past to assist Honorary Magistrates with timely and judicious instruction and advice.

The Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, writes :—

"There have been indications that Honorary Magistrates are not popular with the people whose cases go before them, firstly in complaints being so framed as to remove them from the jurisdiction of such Magistrates, and secondly in the number of applications for transfer of cases from the Courts of Honorary Magistrates to stipendiaries. Part of this is no doubt due to the Pleaders, who wish to have cases tried in the Courts in which they ordinarily carry on their civil and criminal practice and therefore frame petitions so as to bring them before First Class Magistrates and instigate their clients to apply for transfers. I must add that, barring one case which led to the resignation of the Honorary Magistrate concerned, there were none in which any serious allegations were made, and the number of applications rejected shows that they were made without good reason."

10. The Honorary Magistrates and Benches who rendered most assistance during the year are shown in the following list :—

Districts.	Town or residence of Honorary Magistrates.	Names of Honorary Magistrates.	Class.	Number of accused persons disposed of.
		A.—At District Head-quarters.		
Nagpur ...	Sitabuldi ...	R. B. M. B. Buti ..	First ...	516
Do. ...	Nagpur ...	Mr. Gangadhar Rao ..	Do. ...	594
Do. ...	Do. ...	Bench No. II ..	Second ...	315
Jubbulpore ...	Jubbulpore ..	Bench ...	Do. ..	959
Saugor ...	Saugor ...	Do. ...	2nd and 3rd.	358
Damoh ...	Damoh ..	Do. ..	Second ...	395
Seoni ...	Seoni ...	Do. ...	Third ..	943
Chhindwara ...	Chhindwara ...	Do. ...	Do. ..	307
Nimar ...	Khandwa ...	Do. ...	Do. ..	299
Raipur ..	Raipur ...	Do. ..	Second ...	618
Sambalpur ...	Sambalpur ...	Do. ...	Third ..	276
		B.—At places in the interior where there is also a Stipendiary Magistrate.		
Nagpur ...	Kamptee ...	Mr. Bhanudass ...	Second ...	227
Do. ...	Umrer ...	Bench ...	Third ...	232
Wardha ...	Hinganghat .	Do. ...	Second ..	391
Jubbulpore ...	Murwara ...	Do. ...	Third ..	208
Saugor ...	Rehli ..	Do. ...	Do. ...	201
Damoh ...	Hatta ..	Do. ...	Second ...	215
Hoshangabad ...	Harda ..	Do. ...	Third ...	236
Betul ...	Badnur ..	Do. ...	Do. ..	278
Nimar ...	Burhanpur ..	Do. ...	Second ...	254
Raipur ...	Drug . ..	Do. ...	Third ...	272
Sambalpur ...	Bargarh ..	Do. ...	Do. ...	257
		C.—At places in the interior where there is no Stipendiary Magistrate.		
Bhandara ...	Rampaili ...	Munshi Sheoraj Singh ...	Second ...	214
Wardha ...	Ashti ...	Bench ..	Do. ...	440

The Divisional and District reports speak well of the quality of the work done by Rai Bahadur Mukund Balkrishna Buti and Mr. Gangadhur Rao Chitnavis, at Nagpur; Mr. Ram Rao Sadasheo, at Deoli; Babu Kylash Chandra Dutt and Chaudri Umrao Singh, at Jubbulpore; Lal Napraj Singh and Babu Hari Har Singh, at Sambalpur.

11. Table D shows the number and percentage of cases tried summarily by the Magistrates of each district:—

TABLE D.

Use of summary powers.

Districts.	Total number of cases tried by Stipendiary Magistrates exercising summary powers.			Number of cases tried summarily.			Percentage of cases tried summarily to total cases tried.
	By Magistrate of District	By Stipendiary Subordinate Magistrates.	Total.	By Magistrate of District.	By Stipendiary Subordinate Magistrates.	Total.	
Nagpur ..	66	1,390	1,456	3	657	660	45·3
Chanda ..	47	181	228	2	86	88	38·8
Bhandara ...	31	114	145	5	2	7	4·8
Wardha ...	48	266	314	13	59	72	22·9
Balaghat ...	51	...	51	11	...	11	21·6
Jubbulpore ...	36	710	746	...	270	270	36·2
Saugor ...	65	362	427	1	55	56	13·1
Damoh ...	111	130	241	37	17	54	22·4
Seoni ...	84	168	252	18	56	74	29·4
Mandla ...	116	174	290	90	52	142	49·0
Hoshangabad ...	32	466	498	3	68	71	14·3
Betul ...	83	209	292	42	100	142	48·6
Narsinghpur ...	46	599	645	19	145	164	25·4
Chhindwara ...	107	218	325	32	63	95	29·2
Nimar ..	38	322	360	4	139	143	39·4
Raipur	16	456	472	...	69	69	14·6
Sambalpur ...	50	259	309	2	58	60	19·4
Bilaspur ...	72	180	252	1	7	8	3·2
Total ...	1,099	6,204	7,303	283	1,903	2,186	29·9

The total number of persons disposed of by the Magistrates was 43,000 against 41,540 in the preceding year. The percentages of distribution amongst the various classes of Magistrates for the past three years are compared below:—

	1890.	1891.	1892.
District Magistrates ...	5·0	4·8	4·0
Assistant Commissioners, Extra-Assistant Commissioners at head-quarters, and Cantonment Magistrates ...	31·0	31·4	30·7
Other Stipendiary Magistrates ...	33·0	33·9	34·4
Honorary Magistrates ...	31·0	29·9	30·9

In spite of the increase in the number of Magistrates exercising summary powers, the percentage of cases tried summarily to total cases tried by those Magistrates has decreased from 33· to 29·9. With rare exceptions, the power of trying cases summarily does not seem to be improperly exercised. The exceptions which have come to the notice of the Officiating Judicial Commissioner have been cases which it was perfectly legal to try summarily, but which ought not to have been so tried, because it was manifest beforehand that the punishment which could be inflicted on a summary trial would be insufficient if the accused were convicted.

12. The following table shows the number of Sessions cases committed by Deputy Commissioners and Assistants :—

Inquiries under Chapter XVIII, Criminal Procedure Code.

Number of cases committed to the Sessions in 1892.

Districts.	From Districts.	By Deputy Commissioners.	By Assistants.
Nagpur	12	4	8
Chanda	11	4	7
Bhandara	13	8	5
Wardha	8	7	1
Balaghat	6	4	2
Jubbulpore	12	...	12
Saugor	11	3	8
Damoh	1	1	...
Seoni	8	8	...
Mandla	7	6	1
Hoshangabad	3	1	2
Betul	2	1	1
Narsinghpur	14	...	14
Chhindwara	22	19	3
Nimar	8	8	...
Raipur	13	...	13
Sambalpur	13	5	8
Bilaspur	12	5	7
Total ...	176	84	92

The number of cases committed to the Court of Session has fallen from 187 to 176, Deputy Commissioners having committed 10 less and Assistant Commissioners one less than in 1891.

Several cases were committed by Subordinate Magistrates which ought to have been tried by the District Magistrate under the provisions of Section 30 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The state of the files of the Additional Sessions Judges' Courts was such as to render it particularly undesirable that any addition should be made unnecessarily to the heavy burden which already lay upon them; and the Officiating Judicial Commissioner found it necessary to issue a Circular at the beginning of this year directing District Magistrates to try all Sessions cases which they are competent to try under Section 30, and in which they can award adequate punishment.

13. The following tables show the amount and proportion of Criminal work done by the different classes of Magistrates during the last five years :—

TABLE E.

Work done by Deputy Commissioners.

Districts.	Persons disposed of.				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	64	111	75	107	131
Chanda	40	8	69	41	86
Bhandara	71	41	63	42	48
Wardha	159	134	120	81	72
Balaghat	84	70	63	25	71
Jubbulpore	105	43	88	58	64
Saugor	90	146	179	200	117
Damoh	130	151	156	232	150
Seoni	89	119	111	124	121
Mandla	83	115	108	116	156
Hoshangabad	45	42	49	97	49
Betul	105	59	70	179	95
Narsinghpur	200	284	389	275	77
Chhindwara	206	96	167	125	162
Nimar	54	206	73	75	83
Raipur	100	82	39	105	21
Sambalpur	256	126	86	88	70
Bilaspur	135	164	76	19	165
Total ..	2,016	1,997	1,981	1,989	1,738
Percentage to total disposed of by all Magistrates	5·4	4·9	5·0	4·8	4

TABLE F.

Work done by Cantonment Magistrates, Assistant Commissioners and Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Districts.	Persons disposed of.				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	1,443	1,848	2,268	2,150	2,260
Chanda	283	236	243	368	350
Bhandara	691	991	814	772	770
Wardha	464	535	575	480	509
Balaghat	207	264	278	364	345
Jubbulpore	1,403	1,485	1,578	1,883	1,485
Saugor	657	845	1,239	1,044	1,029
Damoh	243	304	280	240	175
Seoni	247	473	428	385	239
Mandla	211	279	303	253	356
Hoshangabad	841	1,131	830	672	732
Betul	466	347	255	314	282
Narsinghpur	626	772	1,005	913	945
Chhindwara	145	152	182	260	352
Nimar	698	795	542	803	637
Raipur	931	952	737	1,169	1,416
Sambalpur	851	736	401	660	864
Bilaspur	539	434	537	538	619
Total ...	10,946	12,579	12,495	13,268	13,365
Percentage to total disposed of by all Magistrates	29·3	31·1	31·3	31·9	31·1

TABLE G.

Work done by Tahsildars.

Districts.	Persons disposed of.				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	1,089	847	1,095	812	741
Chanda	783	628	688	728	728
Bhandara	353	485	664	763	878
Wardha	765	976	823	1,081	889
Balaghat	622	560	613	593	653
Jubbulpore	602	607	1,042	1,425	1,140
Saugor	1,222	1,171	1,361	1,307	1,235
Damoh	254	371	372	357	537
Seoni	740	608	745	826	905
Mandla	388	399	365	446	439
Hoshangabad	1,000	1,025	1,135	1,031	1,194
Betul	335	479	444	440	658
Narsinghpur	817	819	744	980	863
Chhindwara	537	504	558	625	540
Nimar	355	284	147	126	167
Raipur	743	747	703	832	864
Sambalpur	447	657	470	418	728
Bilaspur	1,432	1,742	1,196	1,095	1,458
Total ...	12,484	12,909	8,165	13,885	14,617
Percentage to total disposed of by all Magistrates	33·3	31·9	32·6	33·4	34·0

TABLE H.

Work done by Honorary Magistrates.

Districts.	Persons disposed of.				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	1,467	1,947	1,334	1,806	2,546
Chanda	518	587	507	502	309
Bhandara	439	111	268	242	265
Wardha	1,027	1,205	1,266	1,073	1,246
Balaghat	.	..	...	21	19
Jubbulpore	1,382	1,292	1,528	1,335	1,193
Saugor	843	1,015	857	936	719
Damoh	271	554	467	546	610
Seoni	29	652	521	559	913
Mandla	.	.	...	...	...
Hoshangabad	503	690	606	529	533
Betul ...	219	180	172	553	417
Narsinghpur	1,149	1,039	1,107	907	638
Chhindwara	149	300	584	340	444
Nimar	495	263	777	674	706
Raipur	2,160	1,710	1,266	1,454	1,579
Sambalpur	1,209	935	914	782	991
Bilaspur	97	387	172	139	127
Total ..	11,957	12,867	12,379	12,398	13,280
Percentage to total disposed of by all Magistrates	32·0	31·8	31·1	29·9	30·9

Deputy Commissioners.

Districts.	Warrant cases disposed of in —				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	42	45	37	57	58
Chanda	31	8	30	23	39
Bhandara	33	21	39	20	20
Wardha	63	60	40	23	28
Balaghat	18	33	19	13	38
Jubbulpore	46	29	62	25	33
Saugor	47	69	59	76	61
Damoh	52	102	93	154	104
Seoni	24	46	53	48	56
Mandla	35	53	54	50	81
Hoshangabad	21	23	30	33	31
Betul	17	10	18	57	63
Narsinghpur	50	51	62	62	35
Chhindwara	31	41	33	43	70
Nimar	21	31	17	24	27
Raipur	29	32	24	31	15
Sambalpur	34	36	63	43	43
Bilaspur	38	90	27	8	61
Total ...	632	780	760	790	863

Cantonment Magistrates, Assistant Commissioners and Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Districts.	Warrant cases disposed of in—				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	400	499	554	546	512
Chanda	150	129	135	178	173
Bhandara	267	274	296	269	318
Wardha	218	227	242	210	241
Balaghat	103	149	134	222	167
Jubbulpore	642	635	595	859	619
Saugor	225	312	550	421	468
Damoh	143	164	175	164	121
Seoni	134	258	203	202	151
Mandla	120	131	146	126	122
Hoshangabad	553	403	355	312	388
Betul	156	167	115	142	154
Narsinghpur	289	333	378	445	434
Chhindwara	65	64	81	146	190
Nimar	465	307	260	304	240
Raipur	459	478	329	480	571
Sambalpur	435	384	188	404	481
Bilaspur	231	189	261	232	315
Total ..	5,055	5,103	4,997	5,662	5,665

Tahsildars.

Districts.	Warrant cases disposed of in—				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	266	157	250	229	278
Chanda	235	222	309	291	276
Bhandara	168	197	249	244	338
Wardha	144	160	174	218	189
Balaghat	237	211	274	280	247
Jubbulpore	270	314	538	594	530
Saugor	541	485	642	586	622
Damoh	125	202	196	194	211
Seoni	231	233	309	316	375
Mandla	124	172	114	170	186
Hoshangabad	255	342	419	369	443
Betul	117	111	135	132	228
Narsinghpur	211	292	278	370	354
Chhindwara	149	189	192	182	199
Nimar	34	76	50	37	55
Raipur	310	373	391	431	390
Sambalpur	246	286	229	177	304
Bilaspur	635	791	522	416	504
Total ...	4,328	4,813	5,271	5,236	5,729

Honorary Magistrates.

Districts.	Warrant cases disposed of in—				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	326	367	296	490	617
Chanda	68	154	152	132	86
Bhandara	48	4	19	37	61
Wardha	141	170	167	144	174
Balaghat	...	...	...	6	6
Jubbulpore	393	342	466	251	201
Saugor	169	256	135	141	97
Damoh	63	43	17	39	21
Seoni	8	224	162	119	83
Mandla	...	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad	74	54	55	32	62
Betul	6	1	6	1	8
Narsinghpur	284	185	109	103	77
Chhindwara	49	42	37	24	19
Nimar	60	58	96	73	61
Raipur	622	497	350	316	291
Sambalpur	520	312	327	301	342
Bilaspur	54	176	57	45	38
Total ..	2,885	2,885	2,451	2,254	2,244

D.—The action of Tribunals of original jurisdiction.

14. During the year, 44,726 persons were brought before the Magistrates for enquiry or on trial; of these, 24,274 were convicted or committed, while 18,608 were acquitted or discharged, the percentage of convictions being 54·3.

Tables I and J show the proportion of persons convicted under the principal classes of offences, and the proportion convicted in each district :—

TABLE I.

Result of trials and inquiries by Magistrates under selected offences.

Number of head of crime (Statement No. II).	Description of selected offences	Number of persons disposed of by discharge, acquittal, conviction or committal.	Convicted or committed.		
			Number.	Percentage in 1892.	Percentage in 1891.
3—5	Offences against public tranquillity ..	941	508	54·	48·
6—7	Offences by or relating to public servants ...	70	47	67·	48·
8	Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants ...	553	364	66·	63·
9	False evidence and offences against public officers ...	156	77	49·	58·
10	Offences against public justice ...	315	214	67·	69·
11	Offences relating to coin ...	92	56	61·	70·
12	" " to stamps ..	3	...	...	...
13	" " to weights and measures ..	127	87	68·	63·
14—17*a*	Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, &c. ...	287	217	76·	77·
19	Murder ...	168	71	42·	59·
21	Culpable homicide ...	40	23	58·	70·
31	Hurt ...	4,972	1,629	33·	35·
34	Criminal force or assault ..	8,527	2,397	28·	32·
40	Rape ...	47	15	32·	38·
43	Theft (ordinary and of cattle) ...	7,819	6,118	78·	79·

TABLE I.—(*Contd.*)

Number of head of crime (Statement No. II)	Description of selected offences	Number of persons disposed of by discharge, acquittal, conviction, or committal.	Convicted or committed.		
			Number.	Percentage in 1892	Percentage in 1891
44	Extortion with aggravating circumstances ...	6	4	66·	...
46—48	Robbery ...	117	80	68·	57·
49—52	Dacoity ..	97	52	53·	50·
53	Criminal misappropriation of property ...	137	103	75·	81·
54	Criminal breach of trust ...	315	194	62·	62·
55	Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property ...	362	269	74·	76·
56	Cheating ...	157	59	31·	39·
58	Mischief with aggravating circumstances ...	165	86	52·	54·
59	Mischief, ordinary .	432	157	36·	36·
61	Criminal trespass for commission of various offences ...	2,705	2,024	75·	78·
62	,, ,, other cases, house-breaking, house-trespass, or breaking open a closed receptacle...	2,109	799	38·	40·
63	Forgery or uttering or possessing forged document ..	34	19	56·	42·
71	Defamation ...	512	96	19·	18·
72—73	Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance ...	663	129	19·	24·
77,97,101	Nuisances under the Cantonment, Municipal and Police Acts ...	5,146	4,600	89·	91·
78	Breaches of law relating to Cattle trespass ...	876	342	39·	42·
85	Do. Excise ...	777	653	85·	86·
89	Do. Forests ...	579	369	64·	64·
90	Do. Gambling ...	359	283	79·	71·
98	Do. Opium ...	540	430	79·	78·
107	Do. Railways ...	99	82	83·	94·
109	Do. Stamps ...	129	107	83·	75·

TABLE J.

Result of trials and enquiries by Magistrates in each District.

Districts.	Persons under trial.	Convicted or committed.	Acquitted or discharged	Died, escaped, transferred, or remaining.	Percentage of persons convicted or committed to persons tried.	
					1892.	1891.
Nagpur	6,019	2,627	3,047	345	43·6	44·7
Chanda	1,524	972	501	51	63·7	55·4
Bhandara	2,065	1,164	795	106	56·4	61·7
Wardha	2,822	1,335	1,380	107	47·3	47·9
Balaghat	1,125	602	481	42	53·5	58·2
Jubbulpore	4,101	2,346	1,533	222	57·2	62·2
Saugor	3,172	1,967	1,084	121	62·1	58·8
Damoh	1,554	782	689	83	50·3	59·1
Seoni	2,259	1,030	1,160	*70	45·6	48·9
Mandla	980	620	330	30	63·3	57·9
Hoshangabad	2,648	1,362	1,144	142	51·4	51·5
Betul	1,477	1,048	403	26	71·0	68·1
Narsinghpur	2,542	1,648	867	27	64·8	60·1
Chhindwara	1,509	952	546	11	63·1	63·4
Nimar	1,637	867	723	47	53·0	57·3
Raipur	4,069	1,928	1,936	205	47·6	55·8
Sambalpur	2,786	1,759	892	135	62·9	63·9
Bilaspur	2,437	1,265	1,097	75	51·9	54·0
Total ...	44,726	24,274	18,608	1,845	54·3	56·2

* Includes one person who is in the Lunatic Asylum.

The percentage of convictions has continued to fall, last year's check in the fall having proved merely temporary.

The figures for the past six years are :—

1887	...	...	60·3
1888	..	...	57·8
1889	...	...	56·3
1890	...	...	54·9
1891	...	...	56·2
1892	...	...	54·3

The decrease in the percentage of convictions is not to be explained by the fall in the percentage of convictions in hurt and assault cases, which form about a third of the total number of cases, but is general to many classes of offences. Excluding hurt and assault cases from consideration, the percentage of convictions in other cases has fallen from 69·8 in 1891 to 68·3 in the year under review.

The percentage of convictions in cases of murder and culpable homicide has decreased considerably, and in cases of offences relating to coin, rape, theft, criminal misappropriation, receiving stolen property, cheating, mischief, criminal trespass, hurt, assault and criminal intimidation, it has decreased slightly. The percentage has risen considerably in cases of robbery and slightly in cases of dacoity. The percentage of convictions for murder is abnormally low.

15. The number of persons and of cases disposed of by the eight Courts of Sessions and Additional Sessions Judges and the percentages of convictions obtained, are shown below :—

	Cases.	Persons.	Percentage of convictions to number of persons disposed of.
Nagpur	26	33	73·
Jubbulpore	20	26	73·
Nerbudda	17	29	55·
Chhattisgarh	16	25	68·
Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur Division....	23	34	62·
Do. do. Chhattisgarh do. ...	21	42	48·
Do. do. Jubbulpore do. ...	22	32	75·
Do. do. Nerbudda do. ...	12	18	78·
Total 1892 ...	157	239	65·
Total 1891 ...	128	239	77·

Sanction was obtained to the appointment, from the 1st of January 1892, of two Additional Sessions Judges to relieve Commissioners of part of their Criminal work. The two officers appointed each took over from the Commissioners the whole of the Civil Judicial work of two Divisions and the Sessions work of a certain number of districts. The Additional Sessions Judge of the Nagpur and Chhattisgarh Divisions took the sessions in the districts of Nagpur, Bhandara, Wardha, Raipur and Bilaspur, leaving to the Commissioner of Nagpur those in the districts of Chanda and Balaghat, and to the Commis-

sioner of the Chhattisgarh Division, those in the Sambalpur District. Similarly the Additional Sessions Judge of the Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions relieved the Commissioners of the sessions in the Jubbulpore, Saugor, Hoshangabad and Narsinghpur Districts, while the Commissioner of Jubbulpore tried the sessions in the districts of Damoh and Mandla, and the Commissioner of Nerbudda disposed of those in the Nimar, Chhindwara and Betul Districts.

The Additional Sessions Judges had also to dispose of all Criminal appeals and cases referred for confirmation of sentence. The work has been found to be too heavy for two Additional Sessions Judges to cope with, and the necessity for affording them relief has already been represented to the Administration.

E.—Punishments.

16. The following table compares the sentences passed in Sessions Courts in 1891 and 1892 :—

TABLE K.

Punishments in Sessions Courts.

Class of punishment	1891	1892
Death	47	31
Transportation for life	44	54
Do. for a term	3	...
Rigorous imprisonment	85	91
Simple do.	...	...
Fine only	..	...
Whipping only...	...	1
Total ...	179	177

17. Table L shows district by district the number and proportion of persons sentenced to different kinds of punishment in Magistrates' Courts:—

TABLE L.

Punishment in Magisterial Courts.

Districts.	Total number of persons punished.	Fine only.		Whipping only.		Fine and whipping only.		Imprisonment only.		Imprisonment with fine or whipping or both.		Imprisonment with solitary confinement.	
		Number of persons.	Percentage to total punished.	Number of persons.	Percentage to total punished.	Number of persons.	Percentage to total punished.	Number of persons.	Percentage to total punished.	Number of persons.	Percentage to total punished.	Number of persons.	Percentage to total imprisoned.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Nagpur	2,605	1,815	69·7	170	6·5	...	...	500	19·2	79	3·0	41	1·6
Chanda	951	562	59·1	94	9·9	...	...	237	24·9	34	3·6	24	2·5
Bhandara	1,130	513	45·4	186	16·4	...	...	310	27·4	91	8·1	30	2·7
Wardha	1,314	990	75·3	118	9·0	...	...	144	11·0	45	3·4	17	1·3
Balaghat	591	372	62·9	47	8·0	...	...	120	20·3	37	6·3	15	2·5
Jubbulpore	2,369	1,482	62·6	135	5·7	...	...	614	25·9	94	4·0	44	1·8
Saugor	1,861	1,028	55·2	106	5·7	...	...	617	33·2	69	3·7	41	2·2
Damoh	737	425	57·7	46	6·2	...	...	234	31·8	29	3·9	3	0·4
Seoni	1,025	591	57·7	84	8·2	...	...	306	29·8	10	1·0	34	3·3
Mandla	627	304	48·5	120	19·1	...	...	172	27·4	16	2·6	15	2·4
Hoshangabad	1,339	619	46·2	140	10·5	...	...	428	32·0	134	10·0	18	1·3
Betul	970	668	68·9	99	10·2	...	...	171	17·6	28	2·9	4	0·4
Narsinghpur	1,526	840	55·0	238	15·6	...	...	369	24·2	77	5·1	2	0·1
Chhindwara	927	418	45·0	257	27·7	...	...	201	21·7	45	4·9	6	0·7
Nimar	894	605	67·7	47	5·3	...	...	160	17·9	42	4·7	40	4·4
Raipur	1,806	984	54·5	257	14·2	1	0·1	497	27·5	55	3·0	12	0·7
Sambalpur	1,650	868	52·6	165	10·0	...	...	530	32·1	76	4·6	11	0·7
Bilaspur	1,212	632	52·1	65	5·4	...	...	442	36·5	41	3·4	32	2·6
Total ..	23,534	13,716	58·3	2,374	10·0	1	0·1	6,052	25·7	1,002	4·3	389	1·6
Total for 1891 ...	23,526	13,992	59·5	1,614	6·8	...	...	6,514	27·7	1,057	4·5	349	1·5

18. The number of persons punished has increased by eight only. There is a considerable increase in the number of persons punished with whipping only, a smaller decrease in the number of those punished with imprisonment only, and a still smaller decrease in the number of those punished with fine only.

The increase in the percentage of punishments of whipping only is natural, for the Officiating Judicial Commissioner steadily discourages the tendency, which is still much too prevalent, to award fine only or short terms of imprisonment where whipping would be more appropriate.

Solitary confinement might be awarded more freely with advantage, especially in the case of habitual offenders.

19. Table M. shows the proportion of persons sentenced to different degrees of punishments :—

TABLE M.

Degrees of punishment inflicted in Sessions and Magisterial Courts.

Degrees of punishment		1891		1892	
		Persons.	Percentage.	Persons.	Percentage.
Imprisonment (*a*)—					
Not exceeding 15 days	...	284	3·7	259	3·6
Do. 6 months	...	5,823	76·1	5,306	74·3
Do. 2 years	..	1,355	17·7	1,346	18·8
Do. 7 „	...	176	2·3	219	3·1
Exceeding 7 „	...	18	0·2	15	0·2
Total	...	7,656	100·	7,145	100·
Whipping (*b*)—					
10 stripes and under	...	125	7·3	214	8·7
11 to 20 stripes	...	960	56·4	1,379	56·0
21 to 30 do.	...	617	36·3	869	35·3
Total	...	1,702	100·	2,462	100·
Fine (*c*)—					
Rs.					
10 and under	..	12,783	85·4	12,178	83·2
50 do.	...	2,062	13·8	2,280	15·6
100 do.	...	88	0·6	131	0·9
500 do.	...	33	0·2	42	0·3
1,000 do.	...	1	...	2	0·0
Exceeding Rs. 1,000	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	14,967	100·	14,633	100·

The proportion of short sentences of imprisonment, 15 days and under, has remained approximately constant, that of light sentences of whipping, 10 stripes and under, has increased from 7·3 to 8·7, while that of light fines has decreased from 85·4 to 83·2, being a return in each case to almost the exact figures for 1890.

The Additional Sessions Judge, Nerbudda Division, is of opinion that in that Division, Magistrates have been unduly lenient in awarding the punishment of whipping. In all the districts but one the percentage of persons sentenced to 10 stripes and under has increased, in Betul it being as high as 21·2 per cent.

The Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur Division, mentions the occasional practice of awarding sentences apparently with a desire to avoid explanation, as, for example, sentences of 16 days' imprisonment or 11 stripes. It is for the District Magistrate to strictly check such practices, which the daily calendars submitted by the Subordinate Courts should, if they are regularly examined, bring to his immediate notice.

20. The following table shows the punishments awarded to persons who had been previously convicted more than once :—

TABLE N.

Re-conviction Statement.

Number of times previously convicted.	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced to— Imprisonment. Transportation.	Exceeding 7 years.	Seven years and under.	Two years and under.	Six months and under.	Two months and under.	Fifteen days and under.	Fine only.	Whipping only.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Previously convicted twice ..	249	...	...	16	195	30	2	...	1	5
Do. do. 3 times.	75	...	...	20	52	1	1	...	...	1
Do. do. 4 times.	28	...	...	15	12	1	...	...	...	...
Do. do. 5 times.	14	...	...	7	6	1	...	...	...	...
Do. do. 6 times.	3	...	...	1	2	..	...	...	...	..
Do. do. 8 times.	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do. 9 times.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do. 10 times.	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do. 12 times.	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	372	...	...	62	267	33	3	...	1	6

These figures are, the Officiating Judicial Commissioner thinks, more satisfactory than those for the preceding year as showing less weakness on the part of the Courts in dealing with habitual criminals. Nevertheless some extraordinary examples of misplaced lenity have come to the notice of the Officiating Judicial Commissioner, and where the occasion has seemed to clearly demand such action he has considered it his duty not to confine himself to commenting on the inadequacy of the punishment, but to enhance the sentence on revision, in order to prevent failure of justice.

F.—Fines.

21. The fines imposed, realized, remitted by Appellate Courts and struck off as unrealizable, and the amount of compensation awarded to complainants during the past two years, are shown below :—

		1891.	1892.
		Rs	Rs.
Imposed	...	1,16,965	1,30,385
Realized	...	1,06,313	1,20,595
Remitted	...	3,353	3,260
Struck off	...	13,526	8,338
Compensation awarded	...	8,253	9,199

The balance for realization at the end of 1892 was Rs. 18,074, as against Rs. 20,026 at the close of the previous year. This continued decrease from Rs. 35,982 at the close of 1889 is satisfactory.

The figures for the year under report are especially satisfactory in that the decrease in the balance remaining for realization is the result of considerably increased realizations, the amount struck off having been less than two-thirds of that struck off in 1891.

The outstanding balances at Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad, Raipur and Sambalpur are heavier than they ought to be.

G.—Witnesses.

22. Table O compares the general detention of witnesses in Magistrates' Courts during the past two years, while Table P shows their detention for 1892 for each district in detail :—

TABLE O.

Detention of witnesses in Magistrates' Courts.

Discharged.	1891		1892.	
	Number	Percentage of total witnesses.	Number.	Percentage of total witnesses.
1st day	93,267	84·1	95,212	83·1
2nd day	11,675	10·5	12,578	11·0
3rd day	3,536	3·2	4,161	3·6
After 3rd day	2,382	2·2	2,641	2·3
Total ...	1,10,860	100·	1,14,592	100·0

TABLE P.

Detention of witnesses in Magisterial Courts according to Districts.

Districts	Number of cases disposed of	Total number of witnesses discharged.	Number discharged.				Percentage discharged on 1st day
			1st day.	2nd day.	3rd day	After 3rd day.	
Nagpur ...	3,529	13,136	8,913	2,219	1,026	978	67·8
Chanda ...	952	4,829	3,753	700	232	144	77·7
Bhandara ...	1,079	5,944	5,108	428	257	151	85·9
Wardha ...	1,682	6,220	5,164	768	196	92	83·0
Balaghat ...	597	2,725	2,334	291	83	17	85·7
Jubbulpore ...	2,636	10,041	7,988	1,197	510	346	79·5
Saugor ...	2,057	8,869	7,808	762	223	76	88·0
Damoh ...	1,018	3,740	3,252	373	100	15	86·7
Seoni ...	1,104	5,168	4,432	608	109	19	85 8
Mandla ...	537	3,115	2,617	335	124	39	84·0
Hoshangabad ...	1,457	6,308	5,874	316	80	38	93·1
Betul ...	1,089	3,788	3,127	486	133	42	82·6
Narsinghpur ...	1,649	7,707	6,520	833	213	141	84·6
Chhindwara .	927	3,832	3,467	264	43	58	90·5
Nimar ...	992	3,613	2,844	512	155	102	78·7
Raipur ...	2,000	9,545	8,468	756	215	106	88·7
Sambalpur ...	1,726	8,617	6,520	1,464	394	239	75·7
Bilaspur ...	1,275	7,395	7,023	266	68	38	95·0
Total ...	26,306	114,592	95,212	12,578	4,161	2,641	83·1

The percentages are again worse than in the previous year. The number of witnesses examined increased by 3 per cent., and that alone would account for the increased delay. But besides this there has been a heavy pressure of Civil Judicial case-work, and this has caused postponements that would not otherwise have been made.

The Officiating Judicial Commissioner notices with regret a statement of the Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur Division, to the effect that he has no confidence in the accuracy of the district Detention of Witnesses returns, as he has often found in cases that have come before him that the figures are incorrect, whether purposely or carelessly made so.

In Bhandara two Tahsildars are shown as having examined 1,358 and 408 witnesses, respectively, and discharged them all upon the first day. The Deputy Commissioner, Bhandara, deprecates undue stress being laid upon figures of this nature and thinks that the necessity of showing good returns is likely to lead to bad work.

Mr. Stevens is satisfied from his own previous experience that strict accuracy in this return can be secured only by the personal exertions of the presiding officer of each Court. Instructions are about to issue which, it is hoped, will effect an improvement in this respect.

The Nagpur figures are even more unsatisfactory than last year, owing to the long detention of witnesses in the Deputy Commissioner's Court.

The post of District Magistrate changed hands three times during the year, and even had it not done so, the heavy work in that Court, coupled with much miscellaneous business, would render a prompt discharge of witnesses often impossible.

23. The following table shows the amount paid in each district to witnesses for their expenses, and the rate of payment per head :—

Districts.	Number of witnesses discharged.	Amount paid by Government as expenses.	Average payment per head.		
			Rs.	a.	p.
Nagpur	13,136	544	0	0	8
Chanda	4,829	806	0	2	7
Bhandara	5,944	523	0	1	5
Wardha	6,220	371	0	0	11
Balaghat	2,725	197	0	1	2
Jubbulpore	10,041	670	0	1	1
Saugor	8,869	815	0	1	5
Damoh	3,740	180	0	0	9
Seoni	5,168	217	0	0	8
Mandla	3,115	452	0	2	4
Hoshangabad	6,308	736	0	1	10
Betul	3,788	150	0	0	8
Narsinghpur	7,707	160	0	0	4
Chhindwara	3,832	348	0	1	5
Nimar	3,613	565	0	2	6
Raipur	9,545	578	0	1	0
Sambalpur ..	8,617	514	0	0	11
Bilaspur	7,395	627	0	1	4
Total ...	1,14,592	8,453	0	1	2

The total of payments to witnesses on account of diet money has increased by over fifty per cent. This is due to the operation of the revised rules for payment to witnesses which came into force in June last. The minimum rate is now two annas as against one anna and a half previously.

There are still many Courts that pay diet money too sparingly, but considerable improvement has been effected in the matter.

H.—Durations.

24. The average duration in Police cases was 5·8 as against 5·4 in 1891; and in complaint cases 24·2 as against 28·4. The following table shows the percentages of Police cases disposed of in different periods, and the average duration for each district:—

TABLE Q.

Districts.	Percentage of cases disposed of					
	In 1 day.	In 2 days.	In 3 and 4 days.	In from 5 to 15 days.	After 15 days.	Average duration
Nagpur ...	35	9	11	23	22	10·4
Chanda ...	57	16	8	12	7	4·5
Bhandara ...	44	11	8	22	15	7·1
Wardha ...	54	12	9	17	8	4 7
Balaghat ...	34	23	14	15	14	5·6
Jubbulpore ...	56	12	10	14	8	4·7
Saugor ...	50	13	10	19	8	4·9
Damoh ...	55	10	14	7	14	4·0
Seoni ...	50	12	9	21	8	4·8
Mandla ...	54	12	9	14	11	5·4
Hoshangabad ...	47	11	9	20	13	7·3
Betul ...	67	10	7	12	4	3·6
Narsinghpur ...	48	11	7	23	11	5·9
Chhindwara ...	66	8	5	15	6	3·9
Nimar ...	62	11	6	15	6	4·1
Raipur ...	44	14	11	18	13	6·5
Sambalpur ...	48	13	10	16	13	6·6
Bilaspur ...	36	9	14	25	16	7·5
Total ... 1892 ...	50	11	10	18	11	5·8
Total ... 1891 ...	51	12	10	18	9	5·4

Chanda has shown a considerable improvement in the matter of the duration of Police cases during the year under report. Nagpur, Bhandara, Hoshangabad and Bilaspur show bad results. In Nagpur and Bhandara the delays were in the Courts of District Magistrates, Assistant Commissioners and Extra-Assistant Commissioners; in Bilaspur in the Courts of the Deputy Commissioner and Extra-Assistant Commissioners, except the Junior Extra-Assistant Commissioner; and in Hoshangabad in all except the Court of the District Magistrate. Increased pressure of work is assigned as the cause of the delay in disposing of cases.

25. The average duration of cases tried by Courts of Session during the past three years, calculated from the date of commitment, is given below:—

	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	46·9	34·4	70·3
Jubbulpore	33·5	36·2	51·8
Nerbudda	58·0	42·1	80·0
Chhattisgarh	48·9	68·2	80·0
Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur ...	...	...	61·8
Do. do. Chhattisgarh	...	...	92·5
Do. do. Jubbulpore	...	...	54·3
Do. do. Nerbudda	...	...	49·1
Provincial average ...	48·1	46·7	68·0

The Commissioner of the Nerbudda Division explains that the high average duration in his Court is due to the unavoidable postponement of a sessions at Chhindwara caused by the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy to the Nerbudda Division. The Commissioner of the Chhattisgarh Division has not offered any explanation of the high duration in his Court. The Additional Sessions Judge of the Chhattisgarh Division ascribes the very high duration in his Court to the long pending cases which he took over at the end of January 1892, some of which had been committed as far back as September 1891.

I.—Appeals.

26. The following figures show the number of appeals disposed of by the several classes of Appellate Courts in 1892, as compared with the disposals of the two preceding years:—

	1890.	1891.	1892.
To District Magistrates ...	1,487	1,298	1,467
„ Courts of Session ...	1,166	1,184	1,248
„ Judicial Commissioner ...	164	212	152

27. The numbers of persons who preferred appeals in 1890, 1891 and 1892, were :—

	1890.	1891.	1892.
In the Court of the Judicial Commissioner ...	247	324	270
Do. do. Commissioner, Nagpur ...	432	422	27
Do. do. do. Jubbulpore ...	301	218	...
Do. do. do. Nerbudda ...	318	383	21
Do. do. do. Chhattisgarh ...	273	305	8
Do. do. Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur	...	...	491
Do. do. do. Chhattisgarh	...	...	258
Do. do. do. Jubbulpore	...	...	273
Do. do. do. Nerbudda	...	...	365
Do. do. District Magistrates ...	2,058	1,826	2,280

28. The percentages of appeals rejected, and sentences confirmed to appeals disposed of, were as follows in each of the last three years :—

	1890.	1891.	1892.
In the Court of the Judicial Commissioner ...	76	81	80
In Sessions Courts	73	78	76
In District Magistrates' Courts	83	69	63

The results of appeals disposed of are shown in the following table :—

TABLE R.

Results of Appeals.

Class of Appellate Courts.	Total Appellants disposed of.	Disposal of appeals. Persons whose: Appeals were rejected		Appeals were dismissed.		Sentences were reduced.		Sentences were altered in nature.		Sentences were reversed	
		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ...	270	97	36·1	119	44·0	19	7·0	...	...	35	12·9
Commr., Nagpur Dn.	27	3	11·0	13	48·0	4	15·0	...	...	7	26·
„ Jubbulpore „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Nerbudda „	21	9	42·6	9	42·6	1	4·6	...	..	2	9·6
„ Chhattisgarh „	8	7	87·0	...	...	1	12·0	...	...	...	...
Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur Dn.	482	192	39·1	147	30·1	67	14·0	...	...	69	14·0
„ Chhattisgarh „...	253	148	58·1	63	24·1	10	3·1	...	...	32	12·1
„ Jubbulpore „...	263	134	50·1	75	28·1	...	...	22	8·1	25	9·1
„ Nerbudda „...	356	178	52·0	93	26·0	33	9·0	...	...	49	13·0
Carried over ...	1,680	768	...	519	...	135	...	22	...	219	...

TABLE R.—(Contd.)

Class of Appellate Courts.	Total Appellants disposed of.	Disposal of appeals. Persons whose Appeals were rejected. Number.	Appeals were rejected. Percentage.	Appeals were dismissed. Number	Appeals were dismissed. Percentage.	Sentences were reduced. Number.	Sentences were reduced. Percentage.	Sentences were altered in nature. Number.	Sentences were altered in nature. Percentage.	Sentences were reversed. Number.	Sentences were reversed. Percentage.
Brought over ...	1,680	768	...	519	...	135	...	22	...	219	...
Magistrates of—											
Nagpur ...	160	21	13·0	79	49·0	15	9·0	...	...	39	24·0
Chanda ...	89	43	47·0	18	20·0	11	12·0	1	1·0	16	18·0
Bhandara ...	136	8	5·6	77	56·6	27	19·9	...	...	24	18·0
Wardha ...	145	...	...	66	45·0	21	14·0	2	1·6	55	38·6
Balaghat ...	34	2	5·0	14	41·0	5	14·0	...	...	13	38·0
Jubbulpore ...	124	49	40·0	40	32·0	5	4·0	...	...	29	23·0
Saugor ...	115	36	31·0	15	13·0	5	4·0	1	1·0	56	48·0
Damoh ...	66	6	9·0	42	63·6	12	18·0	..	...	6	9·0
Seoni ..	76	31	40·6	14	18·0	20	26·0	...	...	11	14·0
Mandla ...	75	36	48·0	27	36·0	5	6·6	1	1·0	6	8·0
Hoshangabad ...	162	46	28·0	51	31·0	6	3·6	...	...	56	34·6
Betul ...	81	19	23·6	16	19 6	6	7·6	8	9·6	32	39·6
Narsinghpur ...	148	69	39·6	30	20·0	14	9·0	2	1·0	33	22·0
Chhindwara ...	49	11	22·0	15	30·0	8	16·0	...	...	15	30·0
Nimar ...	47	...	...	23	48·6	5	10·6	...	...	17	36·0
Raipur ...	333	99	29·6	168	50·0	23	6·6	...	...	43	12·6
Sambalpur ...	142	...	...	88	61·6	34	134·6	...	...	20	14 0
Bilaspur ..	245	33	13·0	115	47·0	42	17·0	5	2·0	50	20·0
Total ...	3,907	1,277	32·6	1,417	36·3	399	10·2	42	1·1	740	18·9

The results are specially bad in the District of Saugor. From the District Statement it appears that all the Lower Courts of the district are responsible for this.

There is a very striking difference in the number of appeals returned as rejected by the different Courts. This matter engaged the attention of the Officiating Judicial Commissioner during the year, with the result that the difference appeared to him after enquiry to be rather one of form than of reality. A very large number of the appeals rejected are Jail appeals, rejected after the record

of the Lower Court has been sent for and perused, not after perusal of the petition of appeal and the copy of the judgment only. It may be said in such cases that, to all intents and purposes, the appeal has been tried, for only the form of issuing notices is omitted. The same remark applies, indeed, more or less to some of the appeals summarily rejected by the Judicial Commissioner himself. The record of the Lower Court is forwarded to this Court with the petition of appeal, and is consulted, if necessary, before the appeal is rejected.

29. The following shows in greater detail the results of appeals to the Judicial Commissioner :—

TABLE S.

Results of the appeals to the Judicial Commissioner during 1892.

Appeals from orders passed by	Total number of cases disposed of.	Persons whose				Total number of persons.	Percentage of persons whose appeals were rejected and sentences confirmed to total persons disposed of.
		Appeals were rejected and sentences confirmed	Sentences were reversed	Order of acquittal reversed.	Sentences were reduced		
Commissioner, Nagpur Dn. ...	14	18	1		3	22	80·9
Commissioner, Jubbulpore Dn. ..	16	14	1	..	1	16	87·5
Commissioner, Nerbudda Dn. ...	13	12	2	.		14	85·7
Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Dn. ..	12	9	4	..	1	14	64·3
Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur Dn Do do. Chhattisgarh Dn.	24	20	7	...	4	31	64·5
Do. do. Jubbulpore Dn. Do. do. Nerbudda Dn.	22	28	..	...	4	32	87·5
Deputy Commissioners, invested with special powers, Section 34, Code of Criminal Procedure.	81	115	20	.	6	141	81·5
Total ..	182	216	35	...	19	270	80·0

30. The percentages of appeals rejected and sentences confirmed by Commissioners of Divisions and Additional Sessions Judges have been as follows :—

Commissioner, Nagpur Division	...	...	59
Do. Jubbulpore do. ...	..	...	...
Do. Nerbudda do. ...	...	...	85
Do. Chhattisgarh do. ...	...	...	87
Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur Division	...	...	70
Do. do. Chhattisgarh do.	...	...	83
Do. do. Jubbulpore do.	...	...	79
Do. do. Nerbudda do.	...	...	76

J.—Reference and Revision.

31. The following table is intended to show, as far as statistics can show, the supervision exercised by Deputy Commissioners over the Courts subordinate to them :—

TABLE T.

Statement showing the action taken by District Magistrates under Sections 435, 437 and 438, Code of Criminal Procedure, during the year 1892.

Districts	Number of cases called for under Section 435	Number of cases in which further enquiry was ordered under Section 437.	Number of cases reported to High Court under Section 438
Nagpur	110	...	...
Chanda	112	..	7
Bhandara	83	1	10
Wardha	70	6	7
Balaghat	48	...	1
Jubbulpore	357	...	3
Saugor	178	...	4
Damoh	53	...	...
Seoni	24	...	...
Mandla	244	1	1
Hoshangabad	244	1	3
Betul	45	...	1
Narsinghpur	152	2	...
Chhindwara	154	...	4
Nimar	61	2	1
Raipur	182	25	2
Sambalpur	234	...	9
Bilaspur	80	...	2
Total ..	2,431	38	55

From this table it would appear that the supervision exercised by District Magistrates in Nagpur, Wardha, Balaghat, Damoh, Seoni, Nimar and Bilaspur has undergone a marked diminution, whilst in Mandla, Narsinghpur, Raipur and Sambalpur there seems to have been a much closer supervision on the part of the Deputy Commissioner.

The Additional Sessions Judge of the Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions mentions especially Mr. Alay Mahomed as having devoted much attention to superivsing the work of the Subordinate Magistracy.

32. The annexed table shows how references to Sessions Judges by District Magistrates specially empowered under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were dealt with :—

TABLE U.

References under Section 34, Code of Criminal Procedure, to Sessions Judges.

Sessions Divisions	Sentences.				
	Referred for confirmation.	Confirmed.	Reduced.	Annulled.	Pending.
Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...
Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...
Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...
Chhattisgarh ...	...	..	...	...	...
Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur Dn. ...	20	16	3	...	1
Do. Chhattisgarh Dn.	29	21	3	5*	...
Do. Jubbulpore Dn...	45	42	...	2	1
Do. Nerbudda Dn. ...	47	27	8	7	5
Total ...	141	106	14	14	7

* One acquitted.

K.— Miscellaneous.

33. Table V compares the criminal work done in the Judicial Commissioner's Court during each of the past five years :—

TABLE V.

Work done by the Judicial Commissioner.

	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892
Appeal cases ...	185	158	164	212	182
Revision (persons) ...	1,167	1,316	1,155	942	803
References for confirmation of sentences of death (persons.)	58	45	43	43	31

And Table W compares the work done in each of the Courts of Session during the same period :—

TABLE W.

Sessions Courts.	Sessions cases					Appeal cases.					References under Section 34, Code of Criminal Procedure (persons)					References to Judicial Commissioner under Section 376, Code of Criminal Procedure (persons.)				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892
Nagpur ...	44	25	34	29	26	268	195	368	352	25	26	27	18	35	...	27	7	6	11	7
Jubbulpore ...	37	45	22	35	20	290	279	309	242	..	16	26	37	21	...	13	13	7	6	6
Nerbudda .	28	33	34	25	17	384	368	294	365	21	36	30	27	47	...	8	13	19	14	2
Chhattisgarh ...	23	19	32	39	16	230	218	195	283	4	15	22	21	31	...	5	12	11	12	5
Additional Sessions Judge, Nagpur ...	...	...	...	..	23	...	.	...	...	409	..	..	...	...	19	...	..	...	...	4
Do. Chhattisgarh ...	...	..	...	...	21	...	..		..	192	..	...	...	...	29	..	..	...	...	
Do. Jubbulpore ...	...	...	..	..	22	..	...	..	...	260	..	..	...	..	44	..	..	.	...	7
Do. Nerbudda.	.	...	...	...	12		..	...	...	387	...	. .	...	...	42	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	132	122	122	128	157	1,172	1,160	1,166	1,242	1,248	93	105	103	134	134	53	45	43	43	31

34. The office of Judicial Commissioner was held by Mr. J. F. Stevens throughout the year.

Mr. Stevens inspected the following districts during the year :—

Seoni,
Chhindwara,
Nimar,
Wardha and
Betul.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

ARTHUR MAYNE,

Registrar.

Secretariat Press, Nagpur :—7-6-93—275.

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STATEMENTS.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. I.—(Civil and Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Central Provinces on the last day of the year 1892 with the cost of Tribunals.

Name of Province.		Area.	Population.	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of Districts.	Number of Districts.	Number of Sub-Districts.	Total number of officers exercising original or appellate jurisdiction. Judges of Chief Court of Provinces.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other subordinate Courts.	Total number of cases decided. Original. Regular.	Original. Miscellaneous.	Appeals. Regular.	Appeals. Miscellaneous.	Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.
1.		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
																Rs.	Rs.
Central Provinces.	Territory subject to the High Court ... Civil and Revenue ...	84,445	10,774,891	4	18	50	1	6	18	53	124	100,819	9,614	7,267	515	13,50,157	15,74,240
	Territory subject to the High Court ... Criminal ...									51	263	26,306	1,523	3,482	217		
	Ditto not subject to the High Court ... Civil and Revenue ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ditto not subject to the High Court ... Criminal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	84,445	10,774,891	4	18	50	1	6	18	56	329	127,125	11,137	10,749	732	13,50,157	15,74,240

NOTE.—Number of European and Native Judicial Officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction.

The Civil Courts are those described in Act XVI of 1885. On the Criminal side District Officers are included with 1st Class Magistrates.

CIVIL.

Naib-Tahsildars. Euro.	Naib-Tahsildars. Natives.	Munsiffs. Euro.	Munsiffs. Natives.	Judges of Small Cause Courts. Europeans.	Judges of Small Cause Courts. Natives.	Registrars of Small Cause Courts. Europeans.	Registrars of Small Cause Courts. Natives.
0	45	0	21	2	2	0	2

Courts of Tahsildars.

1st Class. Euro.	1st Class. Natives.	2nd Class. Euro.	2nd Class. Natives.
0	43	0	9

Assistant Commissioners.

1st Class. Euro.	1st Class. Natives.	2nd Class. Euro.	2nd Class. Natives.	3rd Class. Euro.	3rd Class. Natives.
6	10	3	7	6	9

Civil Judges.

Euro.	Natives.
0	12

Deputy Commissioners.

Euro.	Natives.
18	0

Commissioners.

Euro.	Natives.
4	0

Judicial Assistants to Commissioners.

Euro.	Natives.
2	0

Judicial Commissioner.

Euro.	Natives.
1	0

CRIMINAL.

High Court Judges. Euro.	High Court Judges. Natives.	Sessions Judges. Euro.	Sessions Judges. Natives.	Additional Sessions Judges. Euro.	Additional Sessions Judges. Natives.
1	0	4	0	2	0

Magistrates.

1st Class. Euro.	1st Class. Natives.	2nd Class. Euro.	2nd Class. Natives.	3rd Class. Euro.	3rd Class. Natives.	Cantonment Magistrates. Euro.	Cantonment Magistrates. Natives.
29	30	3	93	6	132	4	0

* The total columns 7 to 11 show the actual number of individuals as required. As same Officer has in some (but not in all) cases both Civil and Criminal powers, the figure totals of columns 10 and 11 are higher than totals.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 2—(Criminal).

Statement of offences reported and persons tried, convicted and acquitted of each class of offence in the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

Description of offences.			Number of offences reported.	Number of * cases returned as true.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Number of persons. Under trial during the year, including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Offences against the State, Chapter VI of the Indian Penal Code		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. relating to the Army and Navy	Chapter VII	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. against the public tranquility	do. VIII	..	125	92	97	839	399	392	...	48	
Do. by or relating to public servants	do. IX	..	93	85	90	223	57	163	...	3	
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants	do. X	...	369	366	371	592	189	364	4	35	
False evidence and offences against public justice	do. XI	...	391	369	374	498	180	291	7	20	
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps	do. XII	...	82	81	82	97	39	56	...	2	
Do. relating to weights and measures	do. XIII	..	78	77	77	132	40	87	...	5	
Do. affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals	do. XIV	...	224	223	224	299	70	217	1	11	
Do. relating to religion	do. XV	...	21	17	17	41	25	7	...	9	
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Offences affecting life		..	313	306	318	434	158	223	3	50	
Causing of miscarriage, injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and the concealment of births		...	22	20	21	23	9	14	...	1*	* In the Lunatic Asylum.
Hurt		...	3,238	2,786	2,792	5,821	3,532	1,940	6	343	
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement		...	157	118	121	299	204	81	...	14	
Criminal force and assault		...	5,585	4,345	4,417	9,018	6,130	2,397	22	469	
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labor		..	39	32	32	51	30	21	...	...	
Rape		...	50	45	45	48	32	15	...	1	
Unnatural offences		...	12	12	12	12	5	7	...	...	
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Theft		...	5,925	5,668	5,721	7,981	1,701	6,113	19	148	
Extortion		...	82	66	68	131	72	36	...	23	
Robbery and dacoity		...	118	99	101	251	82	132	23	14	
Criminal misappropriation of property		...	117	109	109	138	34	103	...	1	
Criminal breach of trust		...	319	272	278	326	121	194	...	11	
Receiving stolen property		...	263	261	264	368	93	269	...	6	
Cheating		...	178	123	123	168	98	59	1	10	
Fraudulent deeds and dispossession of property		...	2	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	
Mischief		...	140	118	119	173	79	86	...	8	
Criminal trespass		...	3,492	3,074	3,116	5,459	2,267	2,982	24	186	
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks	Chapter XVIII	..	36	33	32	54	24	19	...	11	
Criminals breach of contracts of service	do. XIX	...	6	4	4	7	4	3	...	...	
Offences relating to marriage	do. XX	..	445	311	314	408	299	67	4	38	
Defamaion	do. XXI	..	481	303	309	571	416	96	...	59	
Criminal intimidation, insult, and annoyance	do. XXII	...	512	388	390	772	534	129	...	109	
Offence under special and local laws	...	...	7,228	7,161	8,167	9,494	1,832	7,506	8	148	
Total		...	30,145	26,967	27,206	44,730	18,756	24,070	122	1,783	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No 3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Central Provinces during the year 1892.

Nature of proceedings.	Total number of cases before the Courts during the year.	Number of persons concerned.	Number of persons discharged.	Number of persons convicted.	Pending at close of the year. Persons.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI—C, and Section 485	10	13	5	8	.....	
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII, to prevent breach of the peace ...	82	200	75	122	3	
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour ...	228	267	61	* 185	15	* 6 Juvenile accused who were ordered to be detained in the Reformatory School have been excluded from this.
4. Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X ...	333	439	152	203	84	
5. Possession, Chapter XII	14	30	19	4	7	
6. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250	289	299	1	298	.....	
7. Non-attendance of jurors or assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 323 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
8. Contempts of Courts under Chapter XXXV	12	17	4	13	.....	
9. Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI	366	396	236	126	34	
10. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII ...	130	171	53	106	12	
11. Proceedings under Section 20 of the Cattle Trespass Act ...	181	350	280	55	15	
Total ...	1,645	2,182	886	1,120	170	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the general results of Criminal trials in the Tribunals of various classes in the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

Class of Courts.	Total number of persons under trial.	Persons whose cases were disposed of.					Persons remaining under trial at the end of the year.	Number of cases disposed of during the year.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.	Remarks.
		Died, escaped or transferred to another Province.	Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted		Committed or referred.					
				On regular trial.	On summary trial.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Village officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Subordinate Magistrates ... Special Magistrates under Section 14 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Subordinate Magistrates ... Honorary Magistrates sitting singly ...	3,828	3	2,008	1,641	...	68	108	2,095	17·2	7,593	
Subordinate Magistrates ... Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly ...	29,123	51	10,609	14,761	1,930	631	1,141	17,393	13·4	73,243	
Subordinate Magistrates ... Benches of Magistrates	9,989	15	5,489	3,937	64	55	429	5,719	18·1	13,414	
District and Divisional Magistrates' cases referred under Section 349, C. P. Code*	711	3	92	602	...	4	10	530	5·5	19	
Chief Magistrates of Districts	1,786	49	502	645	313	229	*49	1,099	11·9	6,720	* Includes one person in Lunatic Asylum.
Courts of Session	297	1	80	155	...	...	58	157	68·0	1,536	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Total ...	45,023	119	18,688	21,139	2,307	983	1,785	26,463	14·9	1,02,506	

* These figures having been included in the totals for Subordinate Magistrates, are not taken into the general total at foot of the Statement.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

Class of Tribunals.	Persons sentenced to								Persons ordered to find or give security or recognizance to keep the peace; or sureties for good behaviour.	Persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour.	Detail of punishments.																
				Imprisonment.							Fine.									Imprisonment.					Whipped.			
	Death.	Transportation.	Penal servitude.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine.	Whipping.			Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Total amount of fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of fines realized during the year.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	15 days and under.	6 months and under.	2 years and under.	7 years and under.	Above 7 years.	10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in reformatory schools.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
											Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.									
Village officers	...	..	...	...	...	...		.	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	...	..	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates under Section 14 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly ...	...	...	...	354	15	...	1,159	112	1	1	1,055	134	18	6	..	...	10,375	8,732	1,158	16	327	26	...	...	31	48	37	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly ...	..	...	..	5,787	126	209	8,547	2,090	179	100	7,298	1,914	97	27	1	...	96,878	88,945	5,241	202	4,583	1,134	4	...	144	1,250	785	14
Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	166	7	...	3,828	...	...	...	3,702	151	2	...	...	..	14,865	14,619	1,813	24	149	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
District and Divisional Magistrates' cases referred under Section 349, Criminal Procedure Code* ..	..	...	...	122	11	...	29	414	.	...	30	1	...	...	...	...	139	96	...	15	63	29	26	...	28	234	158	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts	...	..	...	566	23	19	182	172	43	53	122	80	14	9	1	...	8,037	8,068	987	17	244	170	158	...	39	100	49	1
Courts of Session	31	54	...	91	..	...	...	1	2	...	1	1	...	..	..	...	230	230	...	..	3	16	57	15	..	1	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...
Total ...	31	54	...	6,964	181	228	13,716	2,375	225	154	12,178	2,280	131	42	2	..	1,30,385	1,20,594	9,199	259	5,306	1,348	219	15	214	1,379	869	15

*NOTE.—These figures having been included in the total for Subordinate Magistrates, are not taken into the general total at foot of the Statement.

ANNUAL STATEMENT 5 A—(Criminal).

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SHOWING THE PARTICULARS OF WHIPPING INFLICTED BY THE CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS.

PART I.

Showing whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI of 1864, in lieu of other punishments.

Offences for which awarded.	No. of stripes awarded.												
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		Total.
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
In lieu of other punishments. (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI of 1864).													
1. Theft as defined in — Section 378, I. P. C. ...	14	...	148	...	427	3	526	12	352	10	170	11	1,673
1. Theft as defined in — Section 380 „ ..	3	...	28	1	111	4	132	1	77	1	72	5	435
1. Theft as defined in — Section 381 „ ...	1	.	3	...	28	...	49	1	42	...	19	...	143
1. Theft as defined in — Section 382 „ ...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion as defined in — Section 388 „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
2. Extortion as defined in — Section 389 „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in — Section 411 „ ...	...	...	1	...	2	...	11	..	7	...	...	...	21
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in — Section 412 „ ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	1
4. Mischief by fire ... Section 436 „ ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Lurking house-trespass as defined in Section 443 „ ...	...	...	3	...	7	...	12	...	1	...	5	...	28
6. Lurking house-trespass by night, as defined in Section 444 „ ...	1	...	8	...	38	...	52	1	22	1	4	5	132
7. House-breaking, as defined in Section 445 „ ...	...	...	6	3	22	...	24	...	14	...	14	...	83
8. House-breaking by night, as defined in Section 446 „ ..	...	...	16	...	32	...	50	2	63	2	59	4	228
9. Offences under Section 14, Act III, 1880.	...	...	...	.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
10. „ „ „ 130, Act IX, 1890.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
11. Prisons Act, 26 of 1870, Section 47 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	14	...	19
Section 376, I. P. C. ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Total ...	19	...	213	4	668	7	860	17	580	14	357	25	2,764

NOTE.—Include juveniles punished under any of these heads.

PART II.

Showing whippings in addition to other punishments, Sections 3 and 4, Act VI of 1864.

Offences for which awarded.	Number of stripes.						Total.	Remarks.
	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25	26 to 30.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
(In addition to other punishments) (Sections 3 and 4).								
A.—SECTION.								
1. Theft, as defined in Section 378, I. P. C. ...	...	1	4	18	14	14	51	
Section 380 " ...	...	...	2	5	3	8	18	
Section 381 " ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Section 382 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Extortion, as defined in Section 388 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Section 389 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in Section 411 " ..	..	...	...	1	...	...	1	
Section 412 " ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in Section 443 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
5. Lurking house-trespass by night, as defined in Section 444 " ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	
6. House-breaking as defined in Section 445 " ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
7. House-breaking by night, as defined in Section 446 " ...	...	...	...	5	1	1	7	
8. Offences under Section 14, Act III of 1880 " ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
B.—SECTION 4.								
1. False evidence, as defined in Section 193, I. P. C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Section 194 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Section 195 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2. False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in Sections 211 and 377 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3. Assault, as defined in Section 354 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4. Rape, as defined in Section 375 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5. Unnatural offence, as defined in Section 377 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6. Robbery, as defined in Section 390 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7. Dacoity, as defined in Section 391 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
8. Attempt at robbery, as defined in Section 393 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
9. Hurt in committing robbery, as defined in Section 394 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
10. Receiving stolen property, as defined in Section 413 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
11. Forgery, as defined in Section 463 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Section 466 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Section 467 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Section 468 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Section 469 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
12. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in Section 443 " ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	
13. Lurking house-trespass by night, as defined in Section 444 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
14. House-breaking, as defined in Section 445 " ...	...	...	1	...	...	4	5	
15. House-breaking by night, as defined in Section 446 " ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	
16. Offences under Section 454 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Total ...	...	1	9	31	20	31	92	

PART III.

Showing whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

Offences.	Stripes.												Total.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	First conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	First conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	First conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	First conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	First conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	First conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
...lioting ... Sec. 147, I. P. C	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... „ 193 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exposure of a child under 12 years of age by parent or person having care of it with intention of wholly abandoning it. ... „ 317 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... „ 249 „	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Attempt to commit suicide ... „ 309 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Voluntarily causing hurt ... „ 323 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto grievous hurt ... „ 304 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto ... „ 324 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto ... „ 352 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal force or assault ... „ 354 „	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	4
Offences under Section ... „ 326 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dishonest misappropriation of property ... „ 403 „	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
... „ 406 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rape ... „ 376 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto ... „ 381 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unnatural offence ... „ 377 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Theft as defined in ... „ 379 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto ... „ 380 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto ... „ 511 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto ... „ 454 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto ... „ 457 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mischief by fire with intent to destory a house ... „ 436 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... „ 429 „	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ditto ... „ 497 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal trespass ... „ 441 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences under Section 44, Act IV of 1879 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
House trespass ... „ 448 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Police Act V of 1861	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Offences under Section 47, Act XXVI of 1870	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Railway Act 1879, Section 126 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	6	...	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	13

PART IV.

Showing relative number of times whipping was awarded as compared with other punishments.

Punishments.	Number.	Remarks.
1	2	3
1. Total number of whippings awarded* ..	2,869	
2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	7,242	
3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (Total of headings 1 and 2).	10,111	
4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3).	28·3	

* Total of column 14, Parts I and III, and of column 8, Part II.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the result of Appeals and Revision in Criminal cases in the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

Tribunal.	Number of persons.											Average number of days during which each appeal lasted.	Remarks.
	Total number of appellants and applicants for revision before the Courts.	Died, escaped, or transferred to another Province.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence reversed.	Proceedings squashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred for revision to the High Court.	Pending trial.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Appeals.													
To Chief Magistrates of Districts	2,280	...	509	898	...	284	521	2	11	2	53	14·1	
To Courts of Session	1,443	...	671	400	...	138	184	..	* 43	...	33	15·3	* Excludes 26 from total.
Superior Courts — By persons convicted	278	...	97	119	...	19	35	...	...	...	9	16·6	
Superior Courts — By Government from judgment of acquittal ...	1												
Total ...	4,002	...	1,277	1,417	...	441	740	2	54	2	95	14·7	
Revision.													
By Chief Magistrates of Districts	260	...	78	107	...	...	3	2	43	24	3	11·7	
By Court of Session	63	...	37	19	...	1	...	...	2	4	...	23·4	
By Superior Courts	815	...	290	309	49	46	62	40	7	...	12	10·8	185 cases involving 316 persons were called for by the High Court on review of returns.
Total ...	1,138	...	405	435	49	47	65	42	52	28	15	12·0	
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,140	...	1,682	1,852	49	488	805	44	106	30	110	14·2	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13—(Civil and Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

Class of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed; distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.		Established or average number of Jury or Assessors in each case and prescribed qualifications.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases tried with Assessors.	Jury trial.					Assessors trials.			Remarks.
					Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judge agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judge differed from.		
						Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 307 C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I.—Civil Courts.													
Chief Courts of Districts (or officer specially empowered) acting under Act X of 1870.	Assessors...	Two Assessors in each. The prescribed qualifications are education and good character.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
II.—Criminal Courts.													
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter XXXIX, C. P. C.	Jurors ...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Session.	Jurors ...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Assessors...		...	146	...	...	...	...	...	104	15	22	
High Courts, Original Criminal Jurisdiction	Jurors ..		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ..		..	146	...	...	...	...	...	104	15	22	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT

Statement showing the general result of the trial of European

Description of offence.	Number of persons accused and brought before a Magistrate.						Died, escaped or transferred to other Provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	Persons whose cases											
									By District Magistrates and other 1st Class Magistrates.							By Courts of Session.				
	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Within the year.							Received by transfer under Section 451 (b) of the Code	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Committed.		Transferred by order under Section 451 (b) of the Code.	Total omitting entries in columns 10 and 15.	Received by transfer under Section 451 (b) of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under Section 449 of the Code.	Total exclusive of column 17.
		On complaint, Section 191 (a) Criminal Procedure Code.	On police report, Section 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate *suo motu* Section 191 (c) of the Code	On transfer from another Province.	Total.						To Court of Session.	To High Court.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Offences against the State, Chapter VI of the Indian Penal Code ...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	.	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Offences relating to the Army and Navy, Chapter VII ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Ditto against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Ditto by or relating to public servants, Chapter IX ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter X ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
False evidence and offences against public justice, Chapter XI ..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps, Chapter XII ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to weights and measures, Chapter XIII	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	..
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV ...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Offences relating to religion, Chapter XV...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Offences affecting life ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Causing of miscarriage, injuries to unborn children, exposure of infants and the concealment of births ...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Hurt ...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	2	..	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal force and assault ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labour ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Rape ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unnatural offence ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Theft ...	...	...	1	..	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Extortion ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robbery and dacoity ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal misappropriation of property ...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal breach of trust ...	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving of stolen property ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Cheating ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Fraudulent deeds and dispossession of property ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mischief ...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal trespass ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to documents and to trade, or property marks, Chapter XVIII ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal breach of contracts of service, Chapter XIX ..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to marriage, Chapter XX	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Defamation, Chapter XXI ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance, Chapter XXII ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences under special and local laws ..	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL ...	...	4	5	...	...	9	...	9	...	5	4	...	...	...	9	...	...	..	...	...

No. 14—(Criminal).

British subjects in the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

were disposed of.							Number of Cases.						Subsidiary Table.										
By High Court.			Total for all Courts.																				
Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 456 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5 number who applied under Section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Section 526 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.	35							36			
													Of the total number of persons shown in							Of cases shown in column 30.			
													Column 16.			Column 21.		Columns 21 and 24.		Disposed of by Magistrates.		Disposed of by Sessions Judges.	
													Number who claimed to be tried by mixed jury, Section 451 A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number of those in column 35 (1) whose cases were transferred under Section 451 (B) of the Code.	Number who claimed a mixed number of assessors Section 451 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, Section 451 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS.

[Being the principal Returns furnished by District and Sessions Courts, on which the prescribed Statements are based.]

STATEMENT No. II.—(Criminal).

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted of each offence in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1892.

Nomenclature of offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code, or other law applicable.	Number of Head of Crime.	Number of cases.					Number of persons								Remarks.
		Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 203, C. Cr. P.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted on complainant absenting himself, or on compromise.	Otherwise acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred to other Provinces.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	11			12	13
I.—*Offences under the Penal Code.*															
Offences against the State. } Ch. VI. Secs. 121 to 130 ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences against the Army and Navy. } „ VII. „ 131 to 140 ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences against the public tranquility. } „ VIII. „ 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157 and 158. Unlawful assembly ...	3	17	6	...	11	11	86	21	13	38	...	...	...	14	
„ 147, 148, 152 and 153 to 156. Rioting, &c. ...	4	108	24	3	81	85	753	18	347	354	...	...	...	34	
Offences by, or relating to public servants. } „ IX. „ 160. Affray ...	5	33	...	...	33	33	150	...	34	116	...	...	...	...	
„ 161 to 169. By public servant.	6	22	2	1	19	20	24	...	14	9	...	...	...	1	
„ 161, 170 and 171. Relating to public servants ...	7	38	1	4	33	37	49	...	9	38	...	...	...	2	
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants. } „ X. „ 172 to 190 ...	8	369	2	1	366	371	592	11	178	364	3	1	...	35	
False evidence and offences against public justice. } „ XI. „ 193 to 200. False evidence ...	9	129	3	...	126	129	16 2	...	79	77	2	...	...	4	
„ 201 to 229. Offences against public justice ...	10	262	19	...	243	245	336	9	92	214	...	2	3	16	
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps. } „ XII. „ 231 to 254. Offences relating to coin ...	11	78	...	1	77	78	92	1	35	56	...	...	...	...	
„ 255 to 263. Offences relating to stamps ...	12	4	...	...	4	4	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	
Offences relating to weights and measures. } „ XIII. „ 264 to 267 ...	13	78	1	...	77	77	132	3	37	87	...	...	...	5	

Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.	„ XIV.	„ 269 to 278. Offences affecting the public health ...	14	62	...	1	61	62	107	1	30	67	...	...	...	9
		„ 279 to 290. Offences affecting safety ...	15	126	...	...	126	126	153	1	32	119	1	...	...	...
		„ 290 and 291. Offences affecting convenience ...	16	36	...	...	36	36	39	...	6	31	...	...	...	2
		„ 292 to 294. Offences affecting decency and morals ...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 294-A. Keeping Lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery ...	17a	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to religion.	„ XV.	„ 295 to 298 ...	18	21	4	...	17	17	41	5	20	7	...	...	...	9
Offences affecting the human body.	„ XVI.	„ 302 and 303. Murder ...	19	124	...	3	121	128	210	...	97	71	1	...	...	41
		„ 307. Attempt at Murder ...	20	24	...	1	23	24	30	...	6	19	...	...	...	5
		„ 304. Culpable homicide ..	21	18	...	...	18	19	42	...	17	23	...	..	...	2
		„ 304 A. Causing death by rash or negligent act ...	21a	6	...	...	6	6	8	...	4	4	...	...	...	...
		„ 308. Attempt at culpable homicide ...	22	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
		„ 305 and 306. Abetment of suicide ...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 309. Attempted suicide ..	24	138	...	3	135	138	141	...	33	104	1	1	...	2
		„ 311. Thuggee, &c. ...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 312 to 315. Causing mis-carriage.	26	3	1	...	2	2	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
		„ 316. Injury to unborn children.	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 317. Exposure of infants ...	28	5	...	...	5	5	5	...	1	4	...	...	...	1*
		„ 318. Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body ...	29	14	...	1	13	14	15	...	6	9	...	...	...	...
		„ 325 to 331 and 333. Hurt with aggravating circumstances ...	30	288	5	1	282	286	526	5	184	311	...	...	...	26
		„ 323, 324, 332 and 334 to 338. Other cases ...	31	2,950	413	33	2,504	2,506	5,295	1,780	1,563	1,629	...	6	...	317
		„ 341. Wrongful restraint ...	32	68	18	1	49	50	108	29	34	32	...	...	...	13
		„ 342 to 348. Wrongful confinement ...	33	89	18	2	69	71	191	48	93	49	...	...	...	1
		„ 352 to 358. Criminal force, or assault ...	34	5,585	1,092	148	4,345	4,417	9,018	3,280	2,850	2,397	3	19	...	469
		„ 364, 366 and 367. Kidnapping or forcible abduction, with aggravating circumstances ...	35	5	2	...	3	3	10	...	1	9	...	...	...	...
		„ 363, 365, 368 & 369. Other cases.	36	30	4	...	26	26	38	...	29	9	...	...	...	...
		„ 370 and 371. Slavery ...	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 372 and 373. Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution ...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 374. Forced labour ...	39	4	1	...	3	3	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
		„ 376. Rape ..	40	50	5	...	45	45	48	...	32	15	...	...	...	1
		„ 377. Unnatural offences ...	41	12	...	...	12	12	12	...	5	7	...	...	...	...
		Carried over ...	...	10,799	1,621	204	8,974	9,089	18,427	5,212	5,887	6,275	11	29	3	1,011

* In Lunatic Asylum.

STATEMENT No. II.—(Contd.)

Nomenclature of offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code, or other law applicable.	Number of Head of Crime.	Number of cases. Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 203, C. Cr. P.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Number of persons. Under trial during the year.	Acquitted on complainant absenting himself, or on compromise.	Otherwise acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred to other Provinces.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	11			12	13
Brought forward ...	...	10,799	1,621	204	8,974	9,089	18,427	5,212	5,887	6,275	11	29	3	1,011	
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Section 382. Theft with aggravating circumstances ...	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
„ 379, to 381 and 401. Other cases ...	43	5,925	208	49	5,668	5,721	7,981	59	1,642	6,113	2	1	16	148	
„ 386 to 389. Extortion with aggravating circumstances ...	43a	4	...	...	4	4	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	
	44	4	1	...	3	3	6	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	
„ 384 and 385. Other cases ...	45	74	13	2	59	61	120	...	70	27	...	...	...	23	
„ 394 — Robbery. With hurt ..	46	14	...	...	14	14	23	...	2	20	...	...	...	1	
„ 392 — Robbery. Other cases ...	47	67	15	1	51	53	94	...	34	58	...	...	1	1	
„ 393 — Robbery. Attempts ...	48	3	1	...	2	2	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	
„ 396, „ 397, „ 398 — Dacoity. With murder ...	49	3	...	...	3	3	7	...	...	3	...	...	4	...	
Dacoity. With attempt to cause death, or grievous hurt ...	50	5	...	...	5	5	7	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	
Dacoity. Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
395, 399, 400 „ and 402 ... Other cases ...	52	26	2	...	24	24	117	3	42	43	...	...	18	11	
„ 403 and 404. Criminal misappropriation of property ...	53	117	8	...	109	109	138	1	33	103	...	...	...	1	
„ 406 to 409. Criminal breach of trust ...	54	319	40	7	272	278	326	5	116	194	...	...	...	11	
„ 411 to 414. Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property.	55	263	1	1	261	264	368	1	92	269	...	...	...	6	
„ 417 to 420. Cheating ...	56	178	54	1	123	123	168	9	89	59	...	1	...	10	

Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks.	„ XVIII	„ 421 to 424. Fradulent deeds or disposition of property ..		57	2	1	...	1	1	2	...	1	1	...	..	...	...
		„ 429 to 433 and 435 to 440.	Mischief.	With aggravating circumstances	58	140	21	1	118	119	173	3	76	86	...	...	...	8
		„ 426 to 428 and 434.		Other cases	59	288	62	4	222	225	440	122	153	157	...	2	...	6
		„ 459 and 660.	Criminal trespass.	Resulting in death or grievous hurt ...	60	2	...	...	2	2	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
		„ 449, to 452, 454, 455, 457 and 458.		For commission of serious offences.	61	1,884	40	11	1,833	1,848	2,766	45	635	2,022	2	2	9	51
		„ 447, 448, 453, 456, 461 and 462 ...			61a	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
				Other cases	62	1,315	280	21	1,014	1,038	2,247	612	698	799	6	3	...	129
		„ 465 to 471 and 474. Forgery, or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers ..			63	31	2	...	29	28	45	...	15	19	...	...	...	11
		„ 472 to 476. Counterfeiting or making or possessing counterfeit seal, &c., for purposes of forgery ...			64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 477. Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will, or other document ..			65	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 482, 486, 487 and 488. Using a false trade or property mark, and knowingly selling property so marked ...			66	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 483 to 485. Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die plate or instrument for counterfeiting a trade or property mark ...			67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		„ 489. Removing, destroying, &c., a trade property mark with intent to cause injury ...			68	3	...	...	3	3	8	5	3	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal breach of contracts and service.	Ch. XIX	„ 490 to 492 ..			69	6	2	...	4	4	7	4	...	3	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to marriage.	„ XX	„ 493 to 498 ...			70	445	128	6	311	314	408	144	155	67	1	3	...	38
Defamation.	„ XXI	„ 500 to 502 ...			71	481	172	6	303	309	571	179	227	96	...	...	...	59
Criminal intimidation, insult, or annoyance ...	„ XXII	„ 503. The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt ...			72	67	19	2	46	47	108	14	58	14	...	..	...	22
		„ 504 to 510. Other cases ...			73	445	98	5	342	343	664	261	201	115	...	...	...	87
		Carried over ...			...	22,915	2,790	321	19,804	20,038	3,5236	6,679	10,245	16,564	22	41	51	1,635

STATEMENT No. II.—(Concld.)

Nomenclature of offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code, or other law applicable.	Number of Head of crime.	Number of cases.					Number of persons.								Remarks.
		Offences reported	Complaints rejected under Section 203, C. Cr. P.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted on complainant absenting himself, or on compromise.	Otherwise acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred to other Provinces.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	11			12	13
Brought forward		22,915	2,790	321	19,804	20,038	35,236	6,679	10,245	16,564	22	41	5	1,635	
II.—Offences under Special and Local Laws.															
CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.															
Chapter VIII ... Section 107. Security for keeping the peace	74	82	2	..	80	80	194	11	66	117	...	...	...	...	
Chapter VIII ... Sections 109, 110. Security for good behaviour.	75	229	2	...	227	227	266	...	61	187	...	...	...	18	
Breach of other Laws relating to—															
Arms, Ammunition and Military stores ...Act 11 of 1878	76	194	...	1	193	193	211		22	187	...	...	...	2	
Cantonments ... „ 13 of 1889	77	320	3	...	317	317	603	11	80	510	...	...	...	2	
Cattle trespass ... „ 1 of 1871	78	380	34	10	336	344	905	214	320	342	...	...	...	29	
Chowkidars ... „ 20 of 1856	79	..	...	.	..	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Civil Procedure Code, Section 651 ... „ 14 of 1882	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Contagious Diseases ... „ 14 of 1865	8	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	
Contract Workmen ... „ 13 of 1859	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Criminal Tribes ... „ 27 of 1871	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Disputes between workmen on Railway and other public works, and their employers ... „ 9 of 1860	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	...	..	

Excise	... „ 22 of 1881	85	582	...		4	578	581	779		1	123	658	...	...	..		2
Explosives	... „ 4 of 1884	86	10	...	...		10	10	11	...		3	8		..	...		
Ferries	... „ 17 of 1878	87	6	...	...		6	6	8	...		1	6	...	...	...		1
Foreigners	... „ 3 of 1864	88	..	...	...		..		...	...		...	...	..		...		...
Forests	... „ 7 of 1878	89	265		1	...	264	264	637	...		210	369	3	...	..		55
Gambling	... „ 3 of 1867	90	54	...		...	54	54	359	...		76	283	...	...	...		...
Hackney Carriages	... „ 14 of 1879	91	15	...		...	15	15	15	..		3	12	...	..	...		...
Inland Customs	... „ 8 of 1875 ...	92	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...
Land Acquisition	... „ 10 of 1870	9	...	..		...	...	...	..	...		...	...	...	...	...		...
Legal Practitioners	... „ 18 of 1879	94	...	...		...	...	...	..	...		.	...	...	...	...		...
Lunatic Asylums	... „ 36 of 1858	95	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	..		...
Marriage—Indian Christians	... „ 15 of 1872	96	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...
Municipalities	... „ 18 of 1889	97	2,422		6	2	2,414	2,405	2,593		51	247	2,274	...	3	...		18
Opium	... „ 1 of 1878	98	437	...		1	436	438	543	..		110	430	...	...	...		3
Pandhri	... „ 14 of 1867	99	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	..	...		..
Paper Currency	... „ 20 of 1882	100	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	..		...
Police	... „ 5 of 1861	101	1,931	...		...	1,931	1,931	1,977		8	149	1,816	...	2	...		2
Post Offices	... „ 14 of 1866	102	14	...		...	14	14	16	...		4	12	...	.	...		...
Printing Presses and Newspapers	... „ 25 of 1867	103	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	.		...
Prisons	... „ 26 of 1870	104	87	...		...	87	87	99	.		10	88	...	...	...		1
Prisoners	... „ 5 of 1871 .	105	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	..	...	.		...
Purchase of Soldiers' necessaries	Mutiny Act and Act 7 of 1867.	106	...	...		...	...	...	.	...		...		..	...	...		..
Railways	... Act 4 of 1879	107	73	...		...	73	73	102		3	14	82	...	...	..		3
Registration	... „ 3 of 1877	108	5	...		...	5	5	11	..		9	2	..	...	...		..
Stamps	... „ 1 of 1879	109	108		1	...	107	109	141	..		22	107	.		...		12
Telegraphs	... „ 1 of 1876	110	...	...		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	..		...
Tolls	... „ 8 of 1851, 15 of 1864	111	..	...		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	..	...	...		...
Treasure Trove	... „ 6 of 1878	112	3	...		...	3	3	10	...		...	10	..	...	.		...
Vaccination	... „ 13 of 1880	113	...	...		...	...	..	...	..		...	.	...	...	.		...
Vagrancy, (Europeans)	... „ 9 of 1874	114	...	...		...	...	.	...	...		...	...		..	..		...
Volunteers	... „ 20 of 1869	115	...	...		...	..	...	...	...		...	...	...	...			...
Weights and measures of capacity	... „ 31 of 1871	116	...	...		...	...	..	...	...		...	...	...	..	...		...
Penalty for illegal distraint by landlord, and for illegal removal of produce	...Section 24, Act IX of 1883.	117	1	...		...	1	1	2	..		3	...	..	...	...		...
Factories Act	Act 15 of 1881 & Act 11 of 1891.	118	2	...		..	2	2	2	...		...	2	..	...	...		
Prevention of cruelty to animals	...Act 11 of 1890	119	4	...		...	4	4	.	.		...	5	...	...	.		...
Protection of wild birds and game	...Act 20 of 1887	120	2	...		...	2	2	2	...		...	2	...	...	...		.
Indian Company's Act	...Act 6 of 1882	121	1	...		...	1	1	.			...	1	..	...	...		...
Army Act	... ... 1881.	122	1	...		...	1	1	;	...		...	1	...	...	..		...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	...	30,145	2,8[illegible]		339	26,967	27,206	44,73[illegible]	6,97[illegible]		11,778	24,070	25	46	51		1,783

STATEMENT No. III.

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the districts of the Central Provinces, for the year 1892.
(*See* Prescribed Statement No. 3.)

STATEMENT

Trial Statement of the Districts of the

Districts.	Number of cases disposed of.						Number of persons For disposal.				
		Summons cases.		Warrant cases.			Brought to trial during the year.				
	Inquiries under Chapter XVIII, C. Cr. P.	Trials under Chapter XX, C. Cr. P.	Tried summarily under Chapter XXII, C. Cr. P.	Trials under Chapter XXI, C. Cr. P.	Tried summarily under Chapter XXII, C. Cr. P.	Total.	Remaining at end of last year.	Under arrest by Police or otherwise, without Magistrate's warrant.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Nagpur ...	12	1,426	626	1,431	34	3,529	321	1,787	565	3,346	...
Chanda ..	11	311	56	542	32	952	37	769	106	602	10
Bhandara ..	13	324	5	735	2	1,079	86	1,033	69	865	18
Wardha ..	8	1,010	32	592	40	1,682	164	972	89	1,586	11
Balaghat ...	6	130	3	450	8	597	61	429	234	401	...
Jubbulpore ..	12	1,062	179	1,292	91	2,636	114	2,052	318	1,603	19
Saugor ...	11	785	13	1,205	43	2,057	69	1,964	100	1,021	18
Damoh ..	1	559	1	404	53	1,018	45	547	79	888	...
Seoni ..	8	418	13	604	61	1,104	128	910	129	1,079	13
Mandla ...	7	79	62	309	80	537	18	745	56	161	...
Hoshangabad ...	3	486	44	897	27	1,457	57	1,272	156	1,163	...
Betul ...	2	577	57	368	85	1,089	153	682	54	546	42
Narsinghpur ...	14	609	126	862	38	1,649	99	1,341	126	976	...
Chhindwara ...	22	408	19	402	76	927	18	696	60	730	5
Nimar ...	8	434	167	337	46	992	38	585	42	970	2
Raipur ...	13	704	16	1,214	53	2,000	65	1,603	319	2,080	2
Sambalpur ...	13	538	5	1,115	55	1,726	74	1,722	128	861	1
Bilaspur ...	12	344	1	911	7	1,275	72	1,230	302	827	6
Total ... 1892.	176	10,204	1,425	13,670	831	26,306	1,613	20,339	2,927	19,700	147
Total ... 1891.	187	10,083	1,367	13,116	825	25,578	1,248	19,022	2,782	19,860	141

No. IV.—(Criminal.)

Central Provinces, for the year 1892.

under inquiry and trial during the year.

Received by transfer from beyond the Central Provinces.	Total for disposal.	Disposed of: Discharged: Complainant absenting himself or withdrawing complaints.	Disposed of: Discharged: In other cases.	Disposed of: Acquitted.	Disposed of: Convicted: On regular trial.	Disposed of: Convicted: On summary trial.	Disposed of: Committed.	Disposed of: Referred.	Disposed of: Died.	Disposed of: Escaped.	Disposed of: Transferred to other Provinces.	Disposed of: Total disposed of.	Remaining: Since the month of: October.	Remaining: Since the month of: November.	Remaining: Since the month of: December.	Remaining: Total remaining.	Remarks.
13	14	15	16	17	18		19		20			21	22	23	24	25	26
...	6,019	7	770	2,270	1,955	635	16	21	2	2	...	5,678	72	43	226	341	
...	1,524	...	202	299	869	70	17	16	..	...	...	1,473	8	9	34	51	
...	2,065	...	...	795	1,097	8	19	40	2	...	...	1,961	...	14	90	104	
...	2,822	163	347	870	1,231	70	17	17	...	1	.	2,716	4	15	87	106	
...	1,125	82	...	399	572	10	6	14	1	4	..	1,088	1	5	31	37	
...	4,101	463	561	509	2,021	305	14	6	1	2	...	3,882	92	69	58	219	
...	3,172	64	308	712	1,779	65	21	102	1	...	48	3,100	5	4	63	72	
...	1,554	143	159	387	701	54	4	23	..	1	...	1,472	3	10	69	82	
...	2,259	108	178	874	895	96	10	29	...	18	...	2,208	*4	11	37	52	
...	980	4	...	326	454	158	8	...	1	...	...	951	3	22	4	29	
...	2,648	376	371	397	1,274	63	6	19	...	2	.	2,508	...	7	133	140	
...	1,477	104	93	206	831	141	3	73	1	...	...	1,452	1	1	23	25	
...	2,542	119	184	564	1,365	159	21	103	3	...	...	2,518	...	5	19	24	
...	1,509	53	115	378	800	130	13	9	...	..	...	1,498	4	2	5	11	
...	1,637	12	157	554	652	205	1	9	.	3	...	1,593	1	9	34	44	
...	4,069	315	501	1,120	1,729	70	19	110	7	9	...	3,880	46	48	95	189	
...	2,786	24	285	583	1,576	66	18	99	2	...	...	2,658	4	27	102	133	
...	2,437	5	472	620	1,183	2	24	56	3	4	...	2,369	3	11	54	68	
...	44,726	2,042	4,703	11,863	20,984	2,307	237	746	24	46	48	43,000	251	312	1,164	1,727	
3	43,056	2,029	4,438	10,723	20,695	2,629	301	569	17	59	80	41,540	137	222	1,158	1,517	

* One in Lunatic Asylum.

STATEMENT

Punishment Statement of Magisterial Courts and Courts of

Districts.	Number of persons sentenced to																					
	Death.	Transportations. For life.	Transportations. For a term.	Imprisonment otherwise than in default of fine and security. Above 7 years. Rigorous	Above 7 years. Simple.	7 years and under. Rigorous.	7 years and under. Simple.	2 years and under. Rigorous.	2 years and under. Simple.	6 months and under. Rigorous.	6 months and under. Simple.	2 months and under. Rigorous.	2 months and under. Simple.	15 days and under. Rigorous.	15 days and under. Simple.	Total rigorous.	Total simple.	Fine without imprisonment.	Whipping only.	Give security for good behaviour	Enter into bond to keep the peace. With sureties.	Enter into bond to keep the peace. Without sureties.	Imprisonment in default of security for good behaviour.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	113	...	274	1	132	5	34	6	567	12	1,815	170	4	17	5	23
Chanda	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	47	...	168	4	38	4	4	1	262	9	562	94	...	6	6	...
Bhandara	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	82	...	194	2	93	3	16	...	396	5	513	186	1	4	...	4
Wardha	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	69	...	71	...	40	3	2	2	184	5	990	116	2	2	...	2
Balaghat	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	31	...	69	3	47	1	1	1	152	5	372	47	...	6	...	1
Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	124	...	411	...	138	4	7	4	709	8	1,482	135	1	...	...	23
Saugor	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	63	...	320	1	225	6	37	3	670	10	1,028	106	7	12	5	22
Damoh	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	36	...	105	...	115	...	3	1	262	1	425	46	4	17	...	2
Seoni	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	46	...	127	1	124	3	1	7	305	11	591	84	...	...	...	10
Mandla	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	35	...	95	1	39	2	12	1	184	4	304	120	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	143	1	232	1	154	9	11	3	548	14	619	140	3	6	5	11
Betul	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	24		73	2	63	9	14	13	175	24	668	99	...	3	3	2
Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	106	...	188	...	113	3	4	12	431	15	840	238	...	...	...	9
Chhindwara	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	24	...	146	...	60	5	4	3	238	8	418	257	9	...	...	1
Nimar	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	43		104	3	22	4	3	2	193	9	605	47	2	1	...	18
Raipur	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	111	...	257	2	151	7	6	11	532	20	984	257		6	...	...
Sambalpur	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	150	...	288	5	124	5	23	1	595	11	868	161	...	3	...	8
Bilaspur	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	62	...	277	4	119	4	4	2	473	10	632	66	...	5	...	18
Total. 1892	...	...	...	...	...	162	...	1,329	1	3,399	30	1,797	77	186	73	6,873	181	13,716	2,374	33	90	24	154
Total. 1891		...	...	...	...	136	...	1,328	2	3,597	26	2,121	77	227	57	7,409	162	13,992	1,614	42	103	15	97
Courts of Session. 1892	...	31	54	...	15	...	57	...	16	...	3	...	...	...	...	91	...	...	1	2	...	...	...
Courts of Session. 1891	...	47	44	3	8	...	40	...	25	...	2	...	...	...	...	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total. 1892	...	31	54	...	15	...	219	...	1,345	1	3,402	30	1,797	77	186	7,064	181	13,716	2,375	35	90	24	154
Grand Total. 1891	...	47	44	3	18	...	176	...	1,353	2	3,599	26	2,121	77	227	57	7,494	162	13,992	1,614	42	103	15	97

No. V.—(Criminal).

Sessions of the Central Provinces, for the year 1892.

	Number of persons sentenced to additional punishment.							Number of persons sentenced to fine.							Number of persons sentenced to whipping.				Number of persons		
Total.	Fine in addition to imprisonment, or other punishment not including Whipping.	Whipping in addition to imprisonment with or without fine also.	Whipping in addition to fine without imprisonment.	Solitary confinement.	Forfeiture, or confiscation of property.	Required to give. Recognizance to keep the peace.	Security to keep the peace.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rupees 1,000 and under.	Rupees 500 and under.	Rupees 100 and under.	Rupees 50 and under.	Rupees 10 and under.	Total.	21 to 30 stripes.	11 to 20 stripes.	10 stripes or less.	Total.	To whom compensation has been ordered to be paid from fines.	Ordered to pay compensation to accused persons.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in Reformatory school.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
2,590	71	8	...	41	1	5	5	...	...	11	28	208	1,639	1,886	61	88	29	178	66	18	1
939	32	2	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	84	503	594	55	37	1	90	79	6	2
1,105	83	2	...	30	...	4	4	...	...	2	11	187	401	602	113	67	8	188	64	20	...
1,301	42	3	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	124	896	1,032	52	61	8	121	24	28	...
582	32	5	...	15	...	1	5	...	...	3	5	100	290	404	33	19	...	52	2	1	...
2,326	76	18	...	44	5	4	9	...	...	3	11	195	1,349	1,558	23	111	19	153	47	7	7
1,844	63	...	...	41	...	9	3	...	...	1	9	120	967	1,097	14	83	9	106	66	11	1
755	20	9	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	79	365	445	13	40	...	55	38	29	1
991	1	...	...	34	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	528	601	23	58	3	84	20	6	1
612	15	1	...	15	25	2	2	...	...	...	7	83	228	318	40	53	28	121	36	4	...
1,337	131	3	...	18	33	...	...	...	...	4	8	150	588	750	37	99	7	143	34	20	1
972	27	1	...	4	16	6	3	...	...	...	3	56	636	695	11	65	24	100	30	11	...
1,524	69	8	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	6	180	721	909	39	186	21	246	11	29	...
930	36	9	...	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	4	59	390	454	36	194	36	266	34	10	...
857	41	1	...	40	92	1	...	...	...	2	3	125	516	646	13	30	5	48	37	8	...
1,799	50	5	1	12	...	...	6	...	1	...	4	189	840	1,034	155	92	16	263	40	25	...
1,642	66	10	...	11	...	3	3	...	1	3	13	129	788	934	104	71	...	175	160	7	1
1,185	40	1	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	138	528	672	42	24	...	66	29	40	...
23,291	886	86	1	389	228	35	41	...	2	42	131	2,279	12,177	14,631	869	1,378	214	2,461	817	280	15
23,388	972	85	...	349	307	22	27	...	1	33	86	2,061	12,783	14,964	617	960	125	1,702	820	258	23
179	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
179	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23,470	887	86	1	389	221	35	41	...	2	42	131	2,280	12,178	14,633	869	1,379	214	2,462	817	280	15
23,517	975	85	...	349	307	22	27	...	1	33	88	2,062	12,783	14,967	617	960	125	1,702	820	258	23

STATEMENT No. VI.—(Criminal).

Statement showing the result of appeal and revision in criminal cases in the Districts of the Central Provinces, for the year 1892.

Appellate Courts.	Number of persons.																Cases disposed of.		
	Number of appellants and applicants for revision.			Died, escaped, transferred to another Province.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentences altered.		Sentence reversed and accused acquitted.	Proceedings quashed.	Sentence reversed and new trial ordered.	Further inquiry ordered.	Order of acquittal reversed.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of including entries in columns 4—11.	Remaining at end of the year.	Total.		Average duration.
	Remaining from last year.	Appealed during the year.	Total.				Reduced.	Altered in nature.									Regular.	Miscellaneous.	
1	2			3	4	5	6		7	8	9		10	11	12	13	14		15
Judicial Commr., C. P. ...	12	1,082	*1,094	...	387	428	65	...	97	40	7	...	...	...	1,024	21	719	...	12·3
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ...	15	20	35	...	10	13	4	...	7	...	...	1	...	...	35	...	25	8	21·9
Commissioner, Jubbulpore "	1	10	11	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	11	..	...	11	15·2
Commissioner, Nerbudda " ...	20	17	37	...	24	10	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	21	16	29·2
Commissioner, Chhattisgarh " ...	1	13	14	...	9	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	4	14	...	10	...	16·1
Additional Sessions Judge. Nagpur " ..	...	491	491	...	192	147	67	...	69	...	7	...	...	...	482	9	409	...	13·3
Additional Sessions Judge. Chhattisgarh " ...	1	257	258	...	148	63	10	...	32	...	...	...	...	..	253	5	192	...	11·5
Do. Jubbulpore " ...	3	287	290	...	142	83	...	23	25	...	7	...	...	...	280	10	260	17	16·1
Do. Nerbudda " ...	1	369	370	...	183	93	33	...	49	...	3	†26	...	...	361	9	337	5	16·6
Nagpur ...	8	175	183	...	24	86	15	...	39	2	4	6	...	3	179	4	97	14	18·0
Chanda ...	...	89	89	...	43	18	11	1	16	...	...	...	...	...	89	...	58	...	6·2
Bhandara ...	2	148	150	...	14	77	27	...	24	...	...	1	...	...	143	7	119	9	11·6
Wardha ...	...	182	182	...	2	80	21	2	58	1	2	6	...	7	179	3	123	3	22·3
Balaghat ...	...	34	34	...	2	14	5	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	34	...	24	...	4·7
Jubbulpore ...	1	132	133	...	55	40	5	...	29	...	2	1	...	...	132	1	114	8	12·3
Saugor ...	5	120	125	...	43	15	5	1	56	...	...	...	...	3	123	2	82	6	17·5
Damoh ...	4	62	66	...	6	42	12	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	66	...	47	...	12·0
Seoni ...	1	80	81	...	36	14	20	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	81	...	43	5	11·9
Mandla ...	...	75	75	...	36	27	5	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	75	...	75	...	9·3
Hoshangabad ...	2	193	195	...	71	51	6	...	56	...	3	...	...	...	187	8	97	23	18·2
Betul ...	...	133	133	...	20	66	6	8	32	...	...	...	...	1	133	...	81	45	4·2
Narsinghpur ...	3	149	152	...	69	30	14	2	33	...	...	...	...	...	148	4	134	6	15·8
Chhindwara ...	3	52	55	...	11	17	8	...	15	...	...	...	...	4	55	...	29	6	7·5
Nimar ...	...	67	67	...	7	30	5	...	17	...	2	2	...	1	64	3	26	13	5·3
Raipur ...	3	387	390	...	99	195	23	...	43	...	...	25	...	2	387	3	117	22	13·2
Sambalpur ...	6	149	155	...	3	88	34	...	20	1	...	...	...	3	149	6	103	...	16·3
Bilaspur ...	2	273	275	...	46	115	42	5	50	...	...	...	...	2	260	15	140	...	16·9
Total ... 1892 ...	94	5,046	5,140	...	1,682	1,852	445	43	805	44	37	69	...	30	4,981	110	3,482	217	14·2
Total ... 1891 ...	152	4,697	4,849	3	1,615	2,031	451	38	604	33	14	46	3	29	4,742	95	3,372	199	15·4

* Includes 49 persons whose sentences were enhanced.
† Excluded from the total disposed of.

STATEMENT

Fine Accounts of Districts and Courts of Sessions of the

Districts.	A.—Administration.							
	Amount for realization.			Amount realized, &c.				
	Balance remaining to be realized at the close of last year.	Amount of fines imposed during the year.	Total for realization.	Total realizations during the year.	Amounts realized from out of fines imposed by officers in the exercise of original jurisdiction.	Become unrealizable. Owing to reversal of sentence.	Become unrealizable. Through lapse of time or otherwise struck off under sanction of Deputy Commissioner.	Total (omitting Col. 6.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Nagpur ...	2,126 10 6	15,339 12 6	17,466 7 0	12,916 0 9	12,916 0 9	955 0 0	1,220 7 3	15,091 8 0
Chanda ...	846 10 11	5,296 15 10	6,143 10 9	4,876 1 11	4,876 1 11	60 0 0	344 12 0	5,280 13 11
Bhandara ...	675 3 6	7,960 6 0	8,835 9 6	7,414 4 0	.....	182 2 0	413 5 9	8,009 11 9
Wardha ...	282 2 3	9,541 7 6	9,823 9 9	8,970 4 0	8,970 4 0	88 14 0	227 6 3	9,286 8 3
Balaghat ...	587 15 6	5,239 0 0	5,826 15 6	5,357 6 0	5,357 6 0	40 0 0	111 5 6	5,508 11 6
Jubbulpore ...	1,778 2 10	10,835 13 9	12,614 0 7	9,942 3 6	.....	123 13 0	16 1 9	10,082 2 3
Saugor ...	406 13 9	6,888 11 0	7,295 8 9	6,492 8 3	6,492 8 3	50 0 0	508 5 3	7,050 13 6
Damoh ...	255 5 5	4,265 2 6	4,520 7 11	3,734 13 5	3,734 13 5	.....	144 9 5	3,879 6 10
Seoni ...	69 0 6	3,422 8 0	3,491 8 6	3,453 9 0	3,453 9 0	3 0 0	.....	3,456 9 0
Mandla ...	413 10 0	4,175 5 0	4,588 15 0	4,226 3 9	4,226 3 9	50 0 0	113 12 3	4,390 0 0
Hoshangabad ...	2,174 9 8	8,227 13 6	10,402 7 2	7,037 0 4	.....	240 0 0	622 1 8	7,899 2 0
Betul ...	170 6 0	3,532 0 0	3,702 6 0	3,286 3 0	3,267 3 0	120 0 0	.....	3,406 3 0
Narsinghpur ...	3,376 6 5	9,200 14 0	12,577 4 5	9,916 10 1	9,916 10 1	638 6 3	1,143 9 2	11,698 9 6
Chhindwara ...	684 5 0	3,371 3 0	4,055 8 0	3,214 14 3	3,214 14 3	65 0 0	.....	3,279 14 3
Nimar ...	1,887 15 10	5,616 1 6	7,504 1 4	4,775 14 3	4,775 14 3	226 0 0	827 5 2	5,829 3 5
Raipur ...	872 6 0	10,136 14 9	11,009 4 9	9,304 10 3	9,304 10 3	100 0 0	.....	9,404 10 3
Sambalpur ...	669 2 4	9,539 12 6	10,208 14 10	8,504 3 0	8,504 3 0	5 0 0	447 0 1	8,956 3 1
Bilaspur ...	2,308 15 6	7,565 4 0	9,874 3 6	6,941 13 0	6,728 7 6	312 14 6	2,101 1 9	9,355 13 3
Total ...	19,785 13 11	1,30,155 1 4	1,49,940 15 3	1,20,364 10 9	95,738 13 5	3,260 1 9	8,241 3 3	1,31,865 15 9
Courts of Session ..	97 3 0	230 0 0	327 3 0	230 0 0	.....	.....	97 3 0	3,273 0 0
GRAND TOTAL ...	19,883 0 11	1,30,385 1 4	1,50,268 2 3	1,20,594 10 9	95,738 13 5	3,260 1 9	8,338 6 3	1,35,138 15 9

No. VIII.—(Criminal.)

Central Provinces, for the year 1892.

B.—Cash.

Dr.			Cr.						Dr.
Balance to be realized.	Balance in hand at close of last year.	Total of columns 5 and 11.	Paid as compensation to complainants or injured parties under Section 545, C. Cr. P.	Paid as rewards.	Refunded on account of fines reversed after realization.	Paid into the Treasury to credit of Government or Municipal fund (Municipal and Gambling Acts.)	Total.	Balance in hand or in deposit.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
2,374 15 0	228 6 0	13,144 6 9	979 2 0	.....	812 4 0	11,236 15 9	13,028 5 9	116 1 0
862 12 10	402 0 0	5,278 1 11	761 2 9	1 0 0	.....	3,733 3 8	4,495 6 5	782 11 6
825 13 9	434 5 9	7,848 9 9	426 7 0	72 0 0	.....	6,745 10 0	7,244 1 0	604 8 9
537 1 6	839 2 6	9,809 6 6	715 4 3	.....	606 0 0	7,871 10 9	9,192 15 0	616 7 6
318 4 0	90 5 0	5,447 11 0	*7 3 9	*2 0 0	*490 0 0	5,415 7 0	5,418 11 0	29 0 0
2,531 14 4	169 0 0	10,111 3 6	650 11 9	278 0 0	250 0 0	8,753 9 3	9,932 5 0	178 14 6
244 11 3	493 14 8	6,986 6 11	493 15 0	.....	178 0 0	6,002 11 3	6,674 10 3	311 12 8
641 1 1	464 4 0	4,199 1 5	647 2 6	30 0 0	11 0 0	3,316 14 5	4,005 0 11	194 0 6
34 15 6	209 7 3	3,663 0 3	221 8 0	83 0 0	.....	3,159 1 0	3,463 9 0	199 7 3
198 15 0	153 6 0	4,379 9 9	508 0 9	.....	.....	3,656 0 0	4,164 0 9	215 9 0
2,503 5 2	123 4 0	7,160 4 4	306 12 0	17 0 0	.....	6,661 6 4	6,985 2 4	175 2 0
296 3 0	126 7 6	3,412 10 6	104 2 0	10 0 0	85 0 0	3,098 10 0	3,297 12 0	114 14 6
878 10 11	581 3 8	10,497 13 9	872 2 0	75 0 0	1 0 0	9,230 4 1	10,178 6 1	319 7 8
775 9 9	70 8 0	3,285 6 3	156 1 0	.....	.....	3,072 13 3	3,228 14 3	56 8 0
1,674 13 11	232 13 6	5,008 11 9	389 9 0	.....	57 12 0	4,363 7 3	4,810 12 3	197 15 6
1,604 10 6	353 8 0	9,658 2 3	654 13 9	.....	2 6 0	8,760 15 9	9,418 3 6	239 14 9
1,252 11 9	246 13 6	8,751 0 6	608 1 6	.....	.....	8,067 2 9	8,675 4 3	75 12 3
518 6 3	376 2 0	7,317 15 0	696 15 3	.....	754 0 0	5,131 7 0	6,582 6 3	735 8 9
16,074 15 6	5,594 15 4	1,25,959 10 1	9,199 2 3	568 0 0	3,247 6 0	1,08,277 5 6	1,20,795 14 0	5,163 12 1
.....	.....	230 0 0	.....	.....	.....	230 0 0	230 0 0	.....
16,074 15 6	5,594 15 4	1,26,189 10 1	9,199 2 3	568 0 0	3,247 6 0	1,08,507 5 6	1,21,025 14 0	5,163 12 1

* Paid direct from Treasury.

STATEMENT

Duration Statement of the Districts of the

Districts.	A.—Police Cases.											
	Number of Cases.											
	Detail according to their duration.										Total number of cases.	Total number of days.
	1 day.	2 days.	3 "	4 "	5 to 7 days.	8 to 10 "	11 to 15 "	16 to 20 "	21 to 30 "	Above 30 "		
1	2										3	4
Nagpur ...	320	86	70	34	62	78	74	54	66	79	923	9,608
Chanda ...	325	91	32	11	24	24	23	8	11	17	566	2,536
Bhandara ...	274	66	29	20	40	37	61	29	37	26	619	4,383
Wardha ...	426	94	41	27	52	40	39	27	23	16	785	3,701
Balaghat ...	85	59	26	10	14	14	9	15	15	5	252	1,488
Jubbulpore ...	873	188	104	48	82	59	79	55	39	29	1,556	7,359
Saugor ...	694	175	98	46	99	83	78	43	45	26	1,382	6,908
Damoh ..	229	41	38	20	19	17	22	8	16	5	415	1,677
Seoni ...	290	74	35	16	31	50	39	20	18	8	581	2,824
Mandla ...	225	50	23	14	19	21	19	15	16	14	416	2,249
Hoshangabad ...	385	92	47	29	57	43	60	46	27	31	817	5,994
Betul ...	361	57	30	6	13	22	31	12	4	4	540	1,970
Narsinghpur ...	463	104	38	30	66	73	75	43	42	23	957	5,628
Chhindwara ...	299	35	15	6	19	20	26	8	13	6	447	1,748
Nimar ..	256	47	20	4	21	18	23	12	11	4	416	1,694
Raipur ...	493	168	78	39	71	53	76	56	73	19	1,126	6,867
Sambalpur ...	560	147	65	54	67	67	59	41	70	47	1,177	7,796
Bilaspur ...	259	68	60	44	57	57	64	45	43	28	725	5,432
Total ... 1892...	6,817	1,642	844	458	813	776	857	537	569	387	13,700	79,862
Total ... 1891...	6,853	1,585	822	468	821	732	795	460	435	373	13,344	72,527

No. IX.—(Criminal.)

Central Provinces for the year 1892.

			B.—Cases on complaint.												
Average duration (in days and tenths of days) of each case.	Total number of days (counting from date of apprehension).	Average duration of each case (counting from date of apprehension).	Number of cases.									Total number of days.	Average duration (in days) of each case.	Total number of days (counting from date of appearance in Court).	Average duration of each case (counting from date of appearance in Court).
			Detail according to their duration.								Total number of cases (*plus* col. 3, corresponding with col. 8, St. IV).				
			1 to 4 days.	5 to 7 "	8 to 10 "	11 to 15 "	16 to 20 "	21 to 30 "	31 to 45 "	Above 45 "					
5	6	7	8								9	10	11	12	13
10·4	11,800	12·7	602	117	206	358	258	374	305	386	2,606	61,535	23·0	31,475	12·0
4·5	4,584	8·0	15	13	13	48	48	82	76	91	386	13,268	34·4	6,999	18·1
7·1	6,037	9·7	26	16	16	72	82	94	97	59	462	12,470	26·6	6,204	13·4
4·7	14,382	18·3	42	32	77	119	107	163	189	168	897	26,119	29·1	14,840	16·5
5·6	2,389	9·5	20	6	9	47	55	91	77	40	345	9,206	26·7	3,304	9·6
4·7	10,051	6·4	190	57	67	163	155	180	137	131	1,080	28,607	26·0	14,750	14·0
4·9	11,351	8·2	23	44	63	122	111	134	104	74	675	16,193	23·9	6,780	10·0
4·0	2,741	6·6	116	21	49	76	92	137	72	40	603	11,425	18·9	5,756	9·5
4·8	5,010	8·6	5	43	32	101	70	113	97	62	523	13,597	25·	5,381	10·0
5·4	4,172	10·0	21	2	2	10	10	26	18	32	121	4,043	33·4	1,948	16·0
7·3	8,825	10·8	27	41	55	109	80	141	109	78	640	16,825	26·	8,176	12·8
3·6	3,179	5·8	154	29	58	63	56	92	68	29	549	9,088	16·5	3,956	7·2
5·9	8,748	9·1	113	47	56	112	84	131	84	65	692	15,166	21·9	7,654	11·1
3·9	2,958	6·6	13	23	62	124	61	104	66	27	480	9,941	20·7	4,150	8·6
4·1	2,858	6·9	38	73	100	133	64	99	47	22	576	9,796	17·0	3,814	6·6
6·5	11,481	10·9	398	56	54	95	75	71	93	32	874	11,655	13·3	28,408	32·6
6·6	11,891	10·1	11	6	15	60	68	87	123	179	549	20,638	37·6	11,567	21·7
7·3	8,689	12·0	11	18	34	64	50	155	120	98	550	16,018	29·1	8,462	15·3
5·8	1,31,146	9·6	1,825	644	968	1,876	1,526	2,274	1,882	1,613	12,608	3,05,590	24·2	1,73,624	13·7
5·4	1,16,810	8·7	1,660	634	1,063	1,957	1,418	2,272	1,852	1,378	12,234	3,47,241	28·4	1,53,770	12·6

STATEMENT No. X.—(Criminal).

Witness Statement of the Districts of the Central Provinces, for the year 1892.

Districts.	Number of witnesses discharged on											Amount paid by Magistrates on the part of Government, as expenses of complainants or witnesses.	Number of witnesses who were examined.	Average payment (in fractions of a rupee) per head of witness discharged.
	The 1st day.	2nd "	3rd "	4th "	5th "	6th "	7th "	8th to 10th day.	11th to 15th "	16th day, or upwards.	Total			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
												Rs. a. p		Rs. a. p.
Nagpur	8,913	2,219	1,026	540	186	85	50	117	...	...	13,136	543 11 9	10,551	0 0 8
Chanda	3,753	700	232	114	11	8	2	...	9	...	4,829	806 4 0	4,309	0 2 7
Bhandara	5,108	428	257	112	16	17	6	...	...	...	5,944	522 11 3	5,078	0 1 5
Wardha	5,164	768	196	59	18	5	1	9	...	...	6,220	371 2 0	5,471	0 0 11
Balaghat	2,334	291	83	10	3	2	1	...	...	...	2,725	196 14 6	2,661	0 1 2
Jubbulpore	7,988	1,197	510	195	58	56	24	13	...	...	10,041	670 0 0	8,994	0 1 1
Saugor	7,808	762	223	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,869	815 9 6	7,835	0 1 5
Damoh	3,252	373	100	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,740	180 9 0	3,197	0 0 9
Seoni	4,432	608	109	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,168	216 14 6	4,074	0 0 8
Mandla	2,617	335	124	26	5	8	...	...	...	...	3,115	452 9 6	2,780	0 2 4
Hoshangabad	5,874	316	80	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,308	735 14 3	6,006	0 1 10
Betul	3,127	486	133	21	9	...	...	12	...	...	3,788	150 4 9	2,997	0 0 8
Narsinghpur	6,520	833	213	79	18	24	11	9	...	...	7,707	160 1 6	6,714	0 0 4
Chhindwara	3,467	264	43	10	34	2	12	...	...	...	3,832	348 1 6	3,396	0 1 5
Nimar	2,844	512	155	79	18	3	2	...	...	...	3,613	564 12 3	2,677	0 2 6
Raipur	8,468	756	215	93	8	...	...	5	...	...	9,545	577 10 0	9,163	0 1 0
Sambalpur	6,520	1,464	394	155	35	9	16	14	10	...	8,617	513 14 6	7,955	0 0 11
Bilaspur	7,023	266	68	23	11	...	...	4	...	...	7,395	626 13 11	7,112	0 1 4
Total ... 1892 ...	95,212	12,578	4,161	1,664	430	220	125	183	19	...	1,14,592	8,453 14 8	1,00,970	0 1 2
Total ... 1891 ...	93,267	11,675	3,536	1,463	466	204	76	80	31	62	1,10,860	5,459 0 3	98,001	0 0 9

STATEMENT No. XI—(Criminal).

Showing previous convictions in the Districts of the Central Provinces, for the year 1892.

Number of times previously convicted.	Number of persons sentenced to—										
	Transportation.	Imprisonment otherwise than in default of fine.						Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.	Remarks.
		Above 7 years.	7 years and under.	2 years and under.	6 months and under.	2 months and under.	15 days and under.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Persons previously convicted once ...	...	...	12	299	380	31	3	6	63	794	
Do. twice ...	...	...	16	195	30	2	...	1	5	249	
Do. 3 times ...	...	...	20	52	1	1	...	...	1	75	
Do. 4 „ ...	...	...	15	12	1	...	...	...	...	28	
Do. 5 „ ...	...	...	7	6	1	...	...	...	...	14	
Do. 6 „ ...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Do. 7 „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. 8 „ ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Do. 9 „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. 10 „ ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Do. 11 „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. 12 „ ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Total ...	...	...	74	566	413	34	3	7	69	1,166	

STATEMENT No. XII.—(Criminal).

Statement of Fees levied in Non-cognizable Criminal cases in the Districts of the Central Provinces, for the year 1892.

Districts.	Court fee levied under Rule I of Criminal (B) Circular No. 3, amount to be entered in the appropriate column.								Process fee levied in part (Rule IV).				Process fee remitted in whole (Rule IV).	
	Under Clause 1.		Under Clause II.		Under Clause III.		Under Clause IV.	Under Clause V.						
	At 8 annas when process issues in respect of a single person.	Additional 4 annas for every additional person in respect of whom the same process issues.	At 1 rupee when process issues in respect of a single person.	Additional 8 annas for every additional person in respect of whom the same process issues.	At 1 rupee when process issues in respect of a single person.	Additional 8 annas for every additional person in respect of whom the same process issues.	At the rate of 1 rupee.	At the rate of 1 rupee.	Number of processes	Fee levied.	Portion remitted.	Grand total of fees levied (columns 2 to 9 and 11.)	Number of processes.	Amount remitted.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs.	Rs. a.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.		Rs. a.
Nagpur	2,036 8	1,605 4	468 0	215 0	11	4 0	4	...	...	..	...	4,343 12	39	14 8
Chanda	677 0	339 8	96 0	1 8	...	...	10	1	3	0 10	0 10	1,125 10	13	7 12
Bhandara	771 8	450 12	117 0	39 8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,379 12	...	...
Wardha	1,026 8	619 12	114 8	22 8	8	...	7	6	...	...	...	1,804 4	21	10 12
Balaghat	360 8	326 8	146 0	16 0	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	854 0	...	...
Jubbulpore	1,210 8	1,052 4	292 8	109 0	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	2,672 4	...	...
Saugor	870 8	636 0	87 0	12 8	2	...	7	...	84	11 8	10 4	1,626 8	90	33 8
Damoh	517 12	676 8	136 8	2 8	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1,336 4	31	11 12
Seoni	478 12	486 8	89 0	18 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,072 4	30	13 0
Mandla	152 0	115 4	35 0	2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	304 4	111	40 0
Hoshangabad	927 0	629 12	121 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1,677 12	24	24 8
Betul	446 0	278 8	34 0	6 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	765 0	...	...
Narsinghpur	941 0	647 8	137 0	26 8	2	...	...	...	4	1 8	1 8	1,755 8	7	3 4
Chhindwara	536 0	564 4	68 0	9 8	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	1,180 12	...	0 8
Nimar	400 0	511 12	38 0	0 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	950 4	95	42 12
Raipur	926 8	986 8	349 8	331 0	3	0 8	1	...	...	..	...	2,598 0	...	...
Sambalpur	797 0	477 0	112 0	25 0	1	1 0	...	...	...	...	...	1,413 0	...	...
Bilaspur	1,025 0	427 0	178 0	24 0	39	25 0	...	...	...	...	...	1,718 0	14	5 8
Total ...	14,100 0	10,830 8	2,619 0	861 8	72	30 8	42	8	91	13 10	12 6	28,577 8	475	207 12